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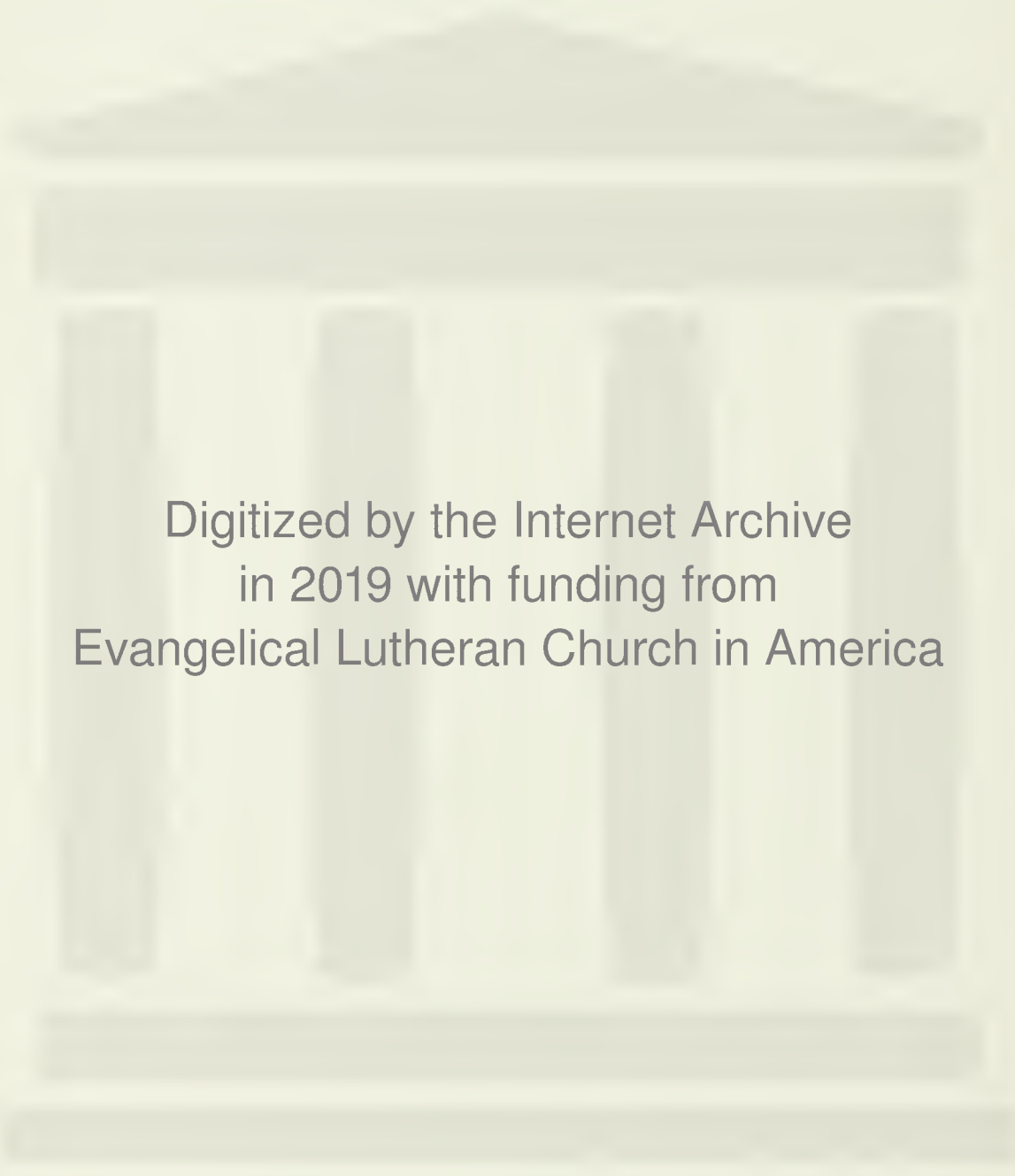
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MINUTES

OF THE

Thirty-Fifth Convention

OF THE

GENERAL COUNCIL

OF THE

Evangelical Lutheran Church
in North America

HELD IN

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH, ROCK ISLAND, ILL.

AND

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH, MOLINE, ILL.

September 9-14, A. D. 1915

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OUTLINE OF BUSINESS BY SESSIONS

Thursday Afternoon

Organization of Convention.

President's Report.

New Election Plan.

Synodical Abstracts.

Treasurer's Report.

Foreign Missions.

Friday Morning

Augustana Synod Resolution.

English Home Missions.

Church Extension Society.

Porto Rico Missions.

Friday Afternoon

Swedish Home Missions.

Slav Missions.

Bible in the Schools.

German Home Missions.

Kropp Commission.

General Council Trustees.

Sunday-school Work.

Saturday Morning

Board Nominations.

Constitutional Revision.

Quadri-Centennial.

Next Convention.

Saturday Afternoon

Official Visitors.

Jubilee Fund Report.

Monday Morning.

Election Returns.

Finance and Budget Report.

Monday Afternoon

Texas Synod Reception.

Laymen's Work.

Publication Board Report.

Tuesday Morning

Arbitration Matter.

Inner Missions.

Church Book Committee.

Tuesday Afternoon.

Reports Official Visitors.

Church Music.

Necrology.

Education Board.

Religious Work in Universities.

"Allgemeine Konferenz."

Jewish Missions.

Deaconess Work.

Uniform Statistics.

Lutheran Unity.

Evangelism.

Church Architecture.

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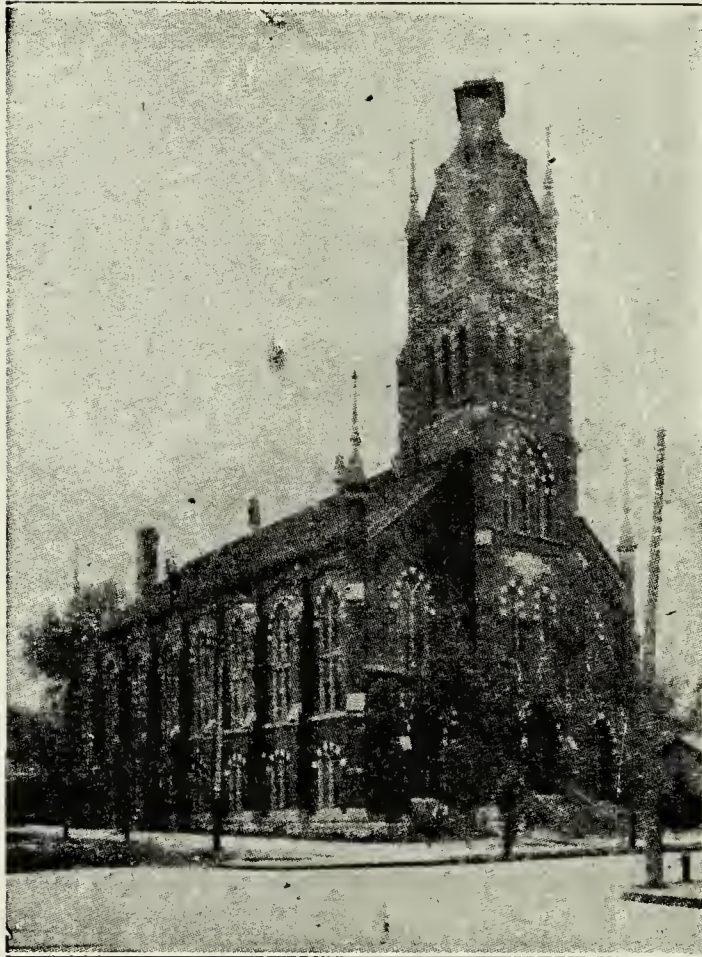
Congregation organized August 20, 1891. Brick church erected in 1907, at northeast corner 7th Av. and 45th St.; lot 150 ft. square; church 50 by 59 ft., seating 475. Frame Chapel. Value of property, \$22,000. Communicant membership 319; Sunday-school enrollment, 225. The Rev. N. J. Forsberg is the present pastor.

GRACE CHURCH (ENGLISH), ROCK ISLAND, ILL.

Congregation organized 1888. Communicant membership, 310; Sunday-school enrollment, 293. Brick church erected in 1891 at northeast corner of 7th Av. and 44th St., six blocks east of Augustana College. Value of property, including parsonage, \$15,000. Rev. Ira O. Nothstein is the pastor.

Other churches assisting in entertaining the General Council were First Swedish, Rock Island; First, Emmanuel, Salem and Trinity, Moline.

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH, MOLINE, ILL.



One of the oldest congregations in Augustana Synod; organized by the patriarch, Rev. Lars P. Esbjorn, in 1850. Communicant membership, 1,120. Brick church erected in 1876 on Moline's principal business street, 5th Av. and 13th St. Seating capacity, 1,450. Including parsonage property, valued at \$61,000. Rev. A. F. Bergstrom is pastor.

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL

Thirty-Fifth Convention

OPENING SERVICE

The Thirty-fifth Convention of "The General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America" was held in Rock Island and Moline, Ill., commencing on Thursday morning, September 9, 1915. The first day's Sessions were held in the First Lutheran Church, Moline, the Rev. A. F. Bergstrom, pastor, and the remainder of the Sessions in Zion Lutheran Church, Rock Island, Ill., the Rev. N. J. Forsberg, pastor.

The Confessional Service was held at 9:30 A. M., in the First Church, Moline, followed by the Order of Morning Service, beginning at the Introit. These Services were conducted by the Officers of the General Council, including the various Synodical Presidents.

An Address of Welcome was delivered by the Rev. L. G. Abrahamson, D.D.

The President, the Rev. Theodore E. Schmauk, D.D., LL.D., Lebanon, Pa., preached the Sermon, based on Luke 18:31 ; 19:10, 41-43, 45-46. His Theme was

"Jesus and Jerusalem—The Lord and His Church"

"In this picture we see

- I. The Purpose of Our Lord's Contact with History—SALVATION.

- II. The Progress of Our Lord's Contact with History—
through TRIBULATION.
- III. The Lesson of Our Lord's Contact with History—OBLIGATION, CONSOLATION."

The Lord's Supper was then administered to the delegates, the visiting brethren, and the delegates and visitors of "The Women's Missionary Society of the Lutheran General Council."

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH, MOLINE, ILLINOIS.

Thursday, September 9, 1915, 3 P. M.

The General Council was formally opened for the transaction of Business, according to the "Order for the Opening of Synods," by the Second Vice-President, the Rev. G. F. Gehr.

The President of the General Council announced the reception of the credentials of Delegates, and the Roll was called by Synods. As completed at the close of the Convention, it was as follows, showing an attendance of 148 clerical and 86 lay Delegates, total 234:

ROLL OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL

I. Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania and Adjacent States

Organized August 15 (26 new style), A.D. 1748.

Clerical.

Lay

REV. PROF. JOHN A. W. HAAS, D.D., LL.D., <i>ex-officio</i> .	HON. FRANK M. RITER.
" PROF. HENRY E. JACOBS, D.D., LL.D., S.T.D.	E. AUGUSTUS MILLER, ESQ.
" JOHN E. WHITTEKER, D.D.	WILLIAM H. HAGER.
" ERNST P. H. PFATTEICHER, PH.D.	JAMES M. SNYDER.
" PROF. T. E. SCHMAUK, D.D., LL.D.	GEORGE E. SCHLEGELMILCH, ESQ.
" HARVEY A. WELLER.	WILLIAM M. MEARIG.
" WILLIAM D. C. KEITER, D.D.	HON. CYRUS R. LANTZ.
	HARRY HODGES.
	H. M. MUHLENBERG RICHARDS, LITT.D.
	HON. GABRIEL H. MOYER.

Clerical

REV. PROF. HENRY OFFERMANN, D.D.
 " PROF. JOSEPH STUMP, D.D.
 " ADAM L. RAMER, PH.D.
 " JACOB C. KUNZMANN, D.D.
 " JEREMIAH F. OHL, MUS.D.
 " NATHAN R. MELHORN.
 " I. CHANTRY HOFFMAN.
 " PROF. LUTHER D. REED, D.D.
 " AUGUSTUS STEIMLE, D.D.
 " ALBERT T. W. STEINHAEUSER,
 D.D.
 " H. DOUGLAS SPAETH, D.D.
 " GEORGE GEBERT, D.D.
 " JOHN H. WAIDELICH.
 " GEORGE DRACH.
 " GEORGE W. SANDT, D.D.
 " THEO. W. KRETSCHMANN,
 PH.D.
 " WILLIAM L. HUNTON, PH.D.
 " PROF. CHARLES M. JACOBS,
 D.D.
 " IRWIN B. KURTZ, D.D.
 " CHARLES L. FRY, D.D.
 " LEWIS LINDENSTRUTH, D.D.
 " ERNST F. BACHMANN, D.D.
 " JOSEPH H. ORR.
 " JOHN J. KLINE, PH.D.
 " P. GEORGE SIEGER.
 " WILLIAM L. STOUGH.
 " ADEN B. MCINTOSH.
 " ARCHIBALD C. SCHENCK.
 " SAMUEL A. ZIEGENFUSS, D.D.

Lay.

REUBEN D. WENRICH, M.D.
 CHARLES B. OPP.
 WILLIAM S. MOHR.
 JAMES H. WOLFE, ESQ.
 MATTHIAS L. MARCH.
 JAMES G. FINLEY.
 PROF. SAMUEL P. SADTLER, PH.D.,
 LL.D.
 LUTHER G. HARPEL.
 CHARLES M. BERKEMEYER.
 E. C. WAMBOLD.

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II. Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of the State of New York and Adjacent States and Countries

Organized Oct. 23, A.D. 1786.

Clerical.

REV. GOTTLIEB C. BERKEMEIER, D.D.
 " PROF JOHN A. W. KIRSCH.
 " HERMAN BREZING.
 " EMIL C. J. KRAELING.
 " JOHN A. TIMM.
 " PAUL A. KIRSCH.
 " THEODORE POSSELT.

Lay

AUGUST GREULICH.
 WILLIAM INTEMANN.

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III. Pittsburgh Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church

Organized Jan. 15, A.D. 1845.

Clerical.

Lay

REV. G. FRANKLIN GEHR, *ex-officio*.
 " FRANK C. OBERLY.
 " WILLIAM E. FREY.
 " PROF. ELMER F. KRAUSS, D.D.
 " THURSTON O. KEISTER, D.D.
 " EDMUND BELFOUR, D.D.
 " ROBT. D. ROEDER.
 " GUSTAVE A. BENZE, D.D.
 " HENRY W. ROTH, D.D., LL.D.
 " LOUIS J. BAKER.
 " BENJAMIN F. HANKEY.
 " A. MILES MEHRKAM, PH.D.
 " ALBERT L. BENZE.

HON. GEORGE F. GREINER.
 CHARLES SCHIMMELFENG.
 DANIEL D. DILLMAN, M.D.
 JOHN B. KAERCHER.
 J. LEWIS FREDERICK.
 PETER L. LEEMHUIS.
 PROF. OTTO F. H. BERT.
 WILLIAM STEINMEYER.
 JOHN SHOEMAKER.
 J. L. CARLSON.

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IV. Evangelical Lutheran District Synod of Ohio

Organized July 21, A.D. 1861.

Clerical.

Lay

REV. HIRAM PETERS, D.D., *ex-officio*.
 " EDWARD F. RITTER.
 " WILLIAM BRENNER.
 " GEORGE W. MECHLING, D.D.
 " MARTIN L. WAGNER.

HENRY G. FISHER.
 JOHN H. AXLINE, M.D.
 WILLIAM A. KNODERER.
 PROF. GEORGE W. SCHEID.

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V. Evangelical Lutheran Augustana Synod

Organized June 5, A.D. 1860.

Clerical.

Lay

REV. LAWRENCE A. JOHNSTON, D.D.,
ex-officio.
 " GUSTAF A. BRANDELLE, D.D.
 " PROF. GUSTAV A. ANDREEN,
 PH.D.
 " MATTIS C. RANSEEN, D.D.
 " DAVID A. LOFGREN.
 " TITUS A. CONRAD.
 " PROF. CONRAD E. LINDBERG,
 D.D., LL.D.
 " G. A. SWANBURG.
 " CARL J. BENGSTON.
 " A. P. WESTERBERG.
 " J. A. BENANDER.
 " SAMUEL M. MILLER.
 " G. A. ELLIOT.

GRANT HULTBERG.
 ANDREW G. ANDERSON.
 K. T. ANDERSON,
 PROF CLAUDE W. FOSS, PH.D.
 HERMAN THORSON.
 ARMOR JOHNSON.
 HON. LEONARD TELLEEN.
 PROF. ISAAC M. ANDERSON.
 J. A. HELSING.
 JOSEPH B. OAKLEAF, ESQ.
 JOHN H. HAUBERG, ESQ.
 JOHN SUNDINE.
 C. H. GODEHN.
 C. A. LARSON.
 ANDREW P. MELLQUIST.
 JOSHUA HASSELQUIST,

Clerical

REV. PHILIP ANDREEN, D.D.
 " MATTHIAS WAHLSTROM, PH.D.
 " AUGUST W. STARK.
 " LAURENTIUS G. ABRAHAMSON,
 D.D.
 " IRA O. NOTHSTEIN.
 " A. F. BERGSTROM.
 " JOSHUA ODEN.
 " N. J. FORSBERG.
 " PROF. JULES G. U. MAURITZ-
 SON.
 " PROF. CARL J. SOEDERGREN.
 " PROF SVEN J. SEBELIUS.
 " PROF. CARL A. BLOMGREN,
 PH.D.
 " EDWARD EKSTROM.
 " PROF A. W. KJELLSTRAND.
 " CARL E. CESANDER.
 " A. THEO. EKBLAD.
 " WALTER E. PEARSON.
 " GUSTAF RAST, D.D.
 " CARL E. ELVING.
 " JOHN TELLEEN, D.D.
 " CARL O. SWAN.
 " CARL J. PETRI, D.D.
 " ALFRED APPELL.
 " P. OLOF BERSSELL.
 " CARL O. LUND.
 " PETER PETERSON.
 " EDWARD STARK.
 " JOSEPH A. ANDERSON.
 " CARL E. BENGTSON.
 " C. J. E. HATERIUS, D.D.
 " ALFRED BERGIN, PH.D.
 " ERIC P. OLSSON, D.D.
 " E. F. PIHLBLAD, D.D.
 " ERLAND ANDERSON.
 " CARL LORIMER.
 " E. ERWIN RYDEN.
 " CARL H. RASK.
 " FRITZ JACOBSON, PH.D.
 " CHARLES F. SANDAHL.
 " P. M. LINDBERG.
 " J. T. KRAFT.
 " J. E. LILJEDAHL.

Lay.

PROF. CARL ESBJORN.
 E. W. OLSON.
 CLARK SWANSON.
 ANDREW PETERSON.
 G. W. OLSON.
 O. SOHLBERG, M.D.
 A. T. BENSON.
 L. A. NELSON.
 ADOLPH OLSON.
 JOHN T. ERICKSON.
 AARON J. JOHNSON.
 O. W. CARLSON.
 LUTHER ANDERSON.
 H. L. LARSON.
 ADOLPH JOHNSON.
 OSCAR BLOOM.
 S. L. WALLERSTEDT.
 S. H. FORSBERG.
 CAPT. JOS. OSBORNE.
 SWAN NELSON.
 CHARLES HALLBERG.
 JOHN E. SWANSON, M.D.

Clerical

REV. A. E. MONELL.

" CARL E. LUNDGREN.

" SVEN G. OHMAN, D.D.

" FRANK N. ANDERSON.

" SWEN W. SWENSON.

" JOHN O. LINDQUIST.

" P. A. FAIR.

" KARL J. CARL.

" PROF. O. J. JOHNSON.

" CARL JACOBSON.

" ALBERT S. HAMILTON.

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VI. Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Canada

Organized July 21, A.D. 1861.

Clerical

Lay

REV. C. REINHOLD TAPPERT.

A. L. BITZER, ESQ.

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VII. Chicago Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church

Organized A.D. 1871; re-organized Sept. 24, A.D. 1896.

Clerical

Lay

REV. CHARLES L. WARSTLER, *ex-officio*.

CHARLES T. A. ANDERSON.

MARTIN L. DECK.

" BENJ. F. HOEFER.

AMBROSE A. KUNKLE.

" JOEL R. E. HUNT.

" ALBERT H. KECK.

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VIII. English Evangelical Lutheran Synod of the Northwest

Organized, Sept. 23, A.D. 1891.

Clerical

Lay

REV. ANTHONY F. ELMQUIST, PH.D.,
ex-officio.

JACOB K. JENSEN.

LOUIS A. ANDERSON.

" WILLIAM K. FRICK, D.D.

HON. A. U. MAYLAND.

" FREDERICK E. COOPER.

" WILLIAM F. BACHER.

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IX. German Evangelical Lutheran Manitoba Synod

Organized Sept. 23, A.D. 1891.

Clerical

Lay

REV. HENRICH BECKER.

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X. Pacific Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church

Organized Sept. 24, A.D. 1902.

*Clerical**Lay*

REV. PROF. P. W. H. FREDERICK.

“ WALTER I. ECK.

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XI. The Evangelical Lutheran Synod of New York and New England

Organized Sept. 24, A.D. 1902.

*Clerical.**Lay*REV. WILLIAM M. HORN, *ex-officio*.

ROBERT E. GASKELL.

“ FREDERICK A. KAEHLER, D.D.

JAMES GEAR.

“ EDWIN F. KEEVER, D.D.

JOHN W. GREENE.

“ PETER ALTPETER.

FREDERICK HENRICH.

“ FRANKLIN F. FRY, D.D.

C. A. ROCKWELL.

“ SAMUEL G. WEISKOTTEN, D.D.

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XII. The Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nova Scotia

Organized July 10, A.D., 1903.

*Clerical.**Lay.*REV. GEORGE B. PIFER, *ex-officio*.

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XIII. Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Central Canada

Organized May 26, A.D. 1909.

*Clerical.**Lay.*

REV. PROF. PRESTON A. LAURY, D.D.

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XIV. Old German Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Texas

Organized A.D. 1906.

*Clerical.**Lay.*REV. WILHELM C. WOLFSBORFF, *ex-officio*.

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Clerical, 148; Lay, 86. Total, 234.

OFFICIAL VISITORS**From the German Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Iowa and Other States**REV. FREDERICK RICHTER, D.D., *President*, Clinton, Ia.**From the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States of America**

REV. PROF. LOYAL H. LARIMER, D.D., Springfield, Ohio.

From the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South

REV. PROF. ROBERT L. FRITZ, D.D., Hickory, N. C.

Names of Visiting Clergymen in the Unity of the Faith With the General Council

ASBJORN C. ANDA.	AMBROSE HERING.
A. P. G. ANDERSON.	EARL C. HERMAN.
VICTOR J. BAUER.	LUTHER HOGSHEAD.
PROF. EDWARD F. BARTHOLOMEW,	HENRY K. LANTZ.
D.D., L.H.D.	C. R. W. KEGLEY.
WILLIAM A. BEATES.	O. L. LARSON.
ROY G. CATLIN.	JOHN LEGUM.
JOHN G. DAHLBERG.	A. HUGO LUTZ.
LUTHER B. DECK.	KARL A. NILSSON.
WALTER C. DAVIS.	CARL M. OLANDER.
O. O. ECKHARDT.	J. P. PETERSON.
WILLIAM ECKERT.	ALBERT J. REICHERT.
OTTO EHLERS.	J. A. SCHEFFER.
W. F. EYSTER, PH.D.	GEORGE H. SCHNUR.
NILS FORSANDER, D.D.	THEO. A. SCHOENBERG.
PROF. GEORGE J. FRITSCHER.	MARTIN L. STIREWALT.
HERMAN L. FRITSCHER.	EARNEST A. TRABERT.
PROF. GEORGE H. GERBERDING, D.D.,	GEORGE H. TRABERT, D.D.
LL.D.	C. P. TRANBERG.
L. FRANKLIN GRUBER.	H. T. WEBER.

Application for the Admission of a New Synod

The application of "The Old German Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Texas" was received, and referred to the Committee to Examine Applications of New Synods named in the President's Report. In the Monday Afternoon Session the Committee presented the following

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ADMISSION OF NEW SYNODS

Your Committee begs leave to submit the following report:

One application only, that of the "Old German Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Texas," was presented to the Committee.

This Synod was organized in the year 1896, and consists at the present time of eight ministers and fifteen congregations.

After carefully examining its constitution and finding it in harmony with the Constitution of the General Council, your Committee respectfully recommends the admission of this Synod to membership in this general body.

Signed for the Committee,

H. OFFERMANN, *Chairman.*

E. F. RITTER, *Secretary.*

The report was unanimously adopted, thereby admitting to full membership in the General Council, as the fourteenth Synod of this Body, the "Old German Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Texas." The name of its delegate, the Rev. W. C. Wolfsdorff, was entered on the Roll.

The President presented his official Report in print, as follows:

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

OUR PLACE OF MEETING

FATHERS AND BRETHREN: We open this Forty-Ninth year and Thirty-Fifth Convention of the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America in the heart of the continent, and on the banks of the upper rapids of the Mississippi River, in that one of the thriving tri-cities here situate, which is named from the beautiful island that parts the river in two, and which on the map of the nation was the site of Fort Armstrong in the Black Hawk War, and one of the most important military reservations in the country.

More than forty years ago this Tri-City in two states was selected by the far-seeing Augustana fathers as a suitable geographical, intellectual, and spiritual center of their vast work of development, and the Jubilee which our great Augustana Synod celebrated here several years ago was the justified realization in fact of the prophetic spirit which had seized the hearts of these Fathers.

I.

I. DANGERS AND DEPRESSION OF THE CHURCH

We meet under circumstances which never before have confronted the Lutheran Church in its entirety, or our fathers in particular. The Christian world is clouded and ablaze with war. The Lutheran Church, and especially that large part of it, constituted by our brethren in Germany, and Austria, and surrounding nationalities; and that other large part so contiguous to the fields of blood and the scenes of unrest, constituted by our brethren in Sweden, Norway, Denmark, and Finland, is one of the greatest sufferers. In many regions, churches, schools, seminaries, are closed, voluntary missionary operations are at a standstill, and whatever our blood affiliations may be, or wherever our sympathies may lie, there is scarce one person of the million or more souls we represent here at Rock Island, whose heart is untouched by the woes unutterable that come to us from distant lands. God be praised that the Stars and Stripes still wave above us as our earthly protector, untouched in honor, and up to this present moment, unspotted with blood.

The pavilion of the Lord is full of darkness. Clouds and darkness are round about Him. Yet we have not ceased to believe that righteousness and judgment are the habitation of His throne. God still reigns. He has not abdicated in heaven, nor removed His foot-stool from the earth. The corrupt cancers of Europe, as old as the Cross in their incipency,

but healed over for generations, have broken forth afresh. The wine, poured into them, of men's counsels, is the poison of dragons. Christianity as a world principle is on trial, and it behooveth those that be Christians to be patient and brave. These are great days, and to us is given the opportunity to be great in the service of the Lord, in righteousness, and mercy. Then shall we be able to rise to the privileges and above the perils that will confront the Lutheran Church in this and many other lands.

II. GENERAL MOVEMENTS WITHIN THE CHRISTIAN WORLD

Since we met at Toledo, two movements, the one looking outward, and toward expansion, and the other looking inward toward uplift and reform, have developed into active effort for the unification, extension and control of the Christian world; while a third, looking to the drawing together of the whole Christian Church on earth, has been assuming some shape and form; and a fourth, the popularization of the critical and liberalizing scholarship, has made advances.

The first of these movements, a continuation of the World Conference on Foreign Missions at Edinburgh, under the leadership of John Mott, and under the inspiration of such waves of organization as the Students' Volunteer Movement, has been engaged in the visitation and linking together of the great mission posts of the Orient; and, with the motto, "The World for Christ," has been seeking the organized Christianization of all the earth. This is the movement of a free Protestantism toward a united foreign mission objective. It has been interrupted by the War.

in the public life of every city and state, and in the public acts of every

The second movement, originating in the Federation of Churches, has been the effort to socialize Christianity and render it morally effective government in Christendom. This is the movement toward social uplift and civil purification at home. Boldly grasping the knife, it looks to a cutting away of the cancers on the body politic.

The third movement has been the great attempt toward ecclesiastical unification of the churches in Christendom, in a common and essential Faith, and with common marks of intercourse and order. The objective of this movement has been a united Christianity in discipline, action and worship. It aims at an ecclesiastical solidarity in the faith and life of the Christian peoples of the twentieth century. It is under the control of the Commission organized by the Episcopal Church, of Faith and Order. It has been participated in by the Protestant Episcopal, Congregational, Disciples, Presbyterian and Reformed, Moravian, Methodist, Baptist, and General Synod Lutheran, and Russian Orthodox Churches.

A fourth great movement is that which by education proposes to liberalize Christianity, and free the faith once held by the fathers from fixity of doctrine and the trammels of tradition, and make the Life alone, rather than the Truth, or the Way, the test of religious value. This movement in education is reducing Christianity from a divinely given faith to a developing human philosophy.

III. COMMISSION ON FAITH AND ORDER

The third movement, that of the World Commission on Faith and Order, of uniting all the denominations, Catholic and Protestant into one, succeeded in interesting churches in Britain, Germany and Scandinavia, when the war also interrupted it. Under the secretaryship of Robert Gardiner it has been sending out literature preparatory to a cautious, permanent organization, and a thorough discussion of its problems. It has been aided therein by the establishment of the Constructive Quarterly by Mr. Silas McBee, and the Christian Union Journal by Mr. Peter Ainslee.

It is about to take another step forward in a meeting of accredited delegates to be held at Garden City, Long Island, next January. This meeting, termed the North American Preparatory Conference, will be a preliminary conference preparatory to bringing about a World Conference on unity. The scheme submitted by the Commission of the Protestant Episcopal Church, provides that each denominational commission transmit to the Episcopal Commission its suggestions for amendment of the plan already proposed by the Episcopal Commission. These suggestions will then be considered by the Episcopal Commission in conjunction with the members of the Advisory Committee resident in North America, and a revised plan will be adopted.

The plan contemplates the forming of a Council of the Commissions, composed of one delegate from each denominational Commission and one additional delegate for each half million communicants. The convener of the Council shall be the senior delegate of the Commission of the Episcopal Church in the United States. The Council shall organize as it may see fit and shall seek substantial unanimity in its proceedings.

Each commission shall formulate in propositions such principles as its communion holds with the rest of Christendom, and also such as it holds apart from other communions. The Council shall select a Board of Advisors and the propositions prepared by the various communions shall be referred to the Board of Advisors. The Board of Advisors at prudent times shall state questions of Faith and Order for the consideration of the World Conference. These questions shall be referred to the several commissions, and upon their reports conclusions shall be formulated by the Council. Where a communion is established by law as the state church of any country, the head of the state shall be invited to send one or two personal representatives to the Conference, in addition to those appointed by the ecclesiastical authority of the Church.

The questions brought before the Conference shall be with a view to ascertain whether the doctrines of Faith and Order which they embody stand in the way of an organic union of Christendom, and if they do, in what manner and to what extent they are susceptible of explanation or adjustment, whereby obstacles may gradually be removed from the way of unity. This is the great plan carefully developing, for unifying the Christian Church under the headship of the originating Episcopal Commission on Faith and Order.

IV. APPOINTMENT OF CHAPLAINS IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY AND NAVY

On September 29, 1913, the Rev. Howard Snyder of Kingston, New York, a member of the New York and New England Synod, and a chaplain of the Tenth Regiment Infantry of the National Guard of New York, drew my official attention to the fact that the Lutheran Church, and especially the General Council, is under-represented in the offices of chaplain in the United States Army and Navy, and that other churches, such as the Roman and the Episcopalian, are over-represented. It appears that the Lutheran Church has two pastors serving as chaplains in the army and none in the navy. Rev. Snyder requested me to write to Mr. Wilson, President of the United States, which I did, on October 8, 1913, pointing out that the Lutheran Church in this country has a membership of two million, that quite a proportion of the men enlisted under the United States flag are of the Lutheran Church, and that we have very few chaplains.

On July 21, 1915, Rev. Snyder informed me that the Secretary of the Navy has asked the Lutheran Church for two candidates to be appointed as chaplains, and that our Church is doing nothing at all to help fill these appointments. He states that the denominations about us all have appointed commissions to attend to these appointments. He states further that according to our numerical strength, we are entitled to ten chaplains in the army and have only two. He says that the fault is due to our own inactivity, and not to the government or to other denominations. In 1913 two Roman Catholic chaplains were appointed, one Episcopalian, one Presbyterian, one Baptist, one Congregational. In 1914 two more Roman Catholic chaplains were appointed, with one Episcopalian, and one Presbyterian chaplain.

The Rev. Mr. Snyder urges that we should show the people of America that we are patriotic; and he asks, Will you not, as President of the General Council, appoint a commission or committee whose function it shall be to correspond with the heads of the United States Army and Navy and see that the Lutheran Church has her due number of chaplains?

On August 30 an inquiry came to me from Dr. H. K. Carroll, Associate Secretary of the Federation of Churches, asking whether the General Council would hear him on this subject. If the Council so decide, I can perhaps reach him promptly by wire.

I submit the matter for consideration and action.

V. WITHIN THE LUTHERAN CHURCH IN THE WORLD AND IN AMERICA

The International Conference.

Perhaps the movement to suffer most of all from the war is the International or Allgemeine Konferenz of the Lutheran Church, with which the General Council has been affiliated as a member from the first meeting of the Allgemeine Konferenz in 1867, and from which it has partially withdrawn as a result of the change in the constitution of that body made in 1907, by which change the Imperial State Church of Ger-

many was in a position to gain control of the organization. Through an official delegate, sent to Europe expressly for the purpose, the General Council has pointed out to the International Conference that its new constitution "excludes all Lutherans in America, including General Bodies, and any representatives of Lutheran Free Churches elsewhere in the world, from membership in the 'Vorstand,' which controls the 'Allgemeine Konferenz,'" and that "only Lutherans who belong to the official Landeskirchen are eligible to such membership."

The General Council further has pointed out to the Allgemeine Konferenz that this change "in constitutional provision is in conflict with two fundamental principles which are vital to the future universality of the Christian Church, and which it behooves Lutheranism in America to uphold, namely, the principle of the complete separation of Church and State, and the principle that there shall be no legislation or taxation without representation."

Moreover and further, the General Council has formally said to the Allgemeine Konferenz that "the time is now ripe for a really world-wide Conference or world organization of Lutherans, to which all Lutherans throughout the world, sound in the faith, shall be admitted on equal terms, and which alone can truly unite Lutheranism and preserve it from the indirect entanglements and diplomatic complications injecting themselves into the Lutheran Church through the pressure of civil government."

The General Council has taken a firm position on this matter, a position maintained at every Convention of ours since 1907 (see Minutes of 1907, 1909, 1911, 1913), and a position that is recognized as that of this body, in Europe and America. It has expressed its belief "that the General Bodies and Independent Synods of America, including particularly the General Synod, which by its recent approach to our own doctrinal position, and of its known devotion to those principles of American Lutheran Church polity, which forever separate the Church from the State, will, if the issue be properly presented, join with us in our position, and that on this position of a free World Conference of Lutherans on a sound confessional basis, the whole American Church can almost without exception unite"

A World Conference

In as much as the problem of Lutheran unity, or at least federation, in America, has been uppermost in the minds of many Lutherans during the last four years, including the membership of the Synodical Conference, and that of the Joint Synod of Ohio, and as it also is the problem of the International Conference, the question arises whether this subject should not be considered from an international and a world point of view, rather than merely from an American point of view. It seems to your President that the whole problem for the world and for America would be solved, including the problem of the closer federation of Lutheranism in America, if the three General Bodies of the Church, namely, the General Synod, the United Synod, and the General Council, and other bodies, would unite in an appeal to the International or All-

gemeine Konferenz, for the establishment of *an American branch*, with (if those interested should desire it), perhaps a *Scandinavian branch* for Sweden, Norway and Denmark, and *an Oriental branch* for the churches in the east, in addition to what would then be the present *parent German branch*.

This would be the world federation, or connecting up, of Lutheranism, which our Lutheran churches have been feeling after, and would at the same time put the General Synod, the United Synod and the General Council, and all bodies who would enter the movement, into organic touch. It would, under an existing world organization a half century old, namely the International Conference, nationalize the Lutheran Church in America, in the mind of Americans, and would formally bring the Lutheran Church throughout the world unto a unity, or at least a general connection with itself. It would solve many of our lesser problems.

In as much as the Great War has interfered very much with the operation and progress of the Allgemeine Konferenz, the time would seem to be auspicious, after peace is once again declared, for proposing this matter to that body, with a view to such an inter-linking of Lutheranism, in the circle of a World Conference, as will be universal, and in which all Lutherans in the world on a sound doctrinal basis can unite on equal terms, and can secure a basis of equitable representation, such a basis as alone befits the Church of Christ, and as alone will render such a movement permanently successful.

VI. RELATION OF SYNODS TO THE GENERAL COUNCIL

One of our larger synods, a general body in itself, has passed a resolution with some bearings on the above subject. The President of the Council has no official information on this subject, and at the proper time the matter will without doubt be brought to the attention of the Council.

VII. THE LUTHERAN FEDERATION

Two years ago your President pointed out that among the great things that should be attempted in 1917, was the inauguration of some general co-operation on the part of divided Lutheran bodies in America, and the General Council authorized its President to take such steps as would bring the heads of all Lutheran bodies and Independent Synods together once a year to ascertain what co-operation and fellowship might be possible without violation of doctrine.

At the same time the General Council responded favorably to the proposal of the Joint Synod of Ohio as to the appointment of inter-synodical committees of arbiters. Nothing has been done on this line, but at the meeting of the Joint Synod of Ohio, in 1914, that body authorized its President to make an effort "to institute a federation of all Lutheran Synods in our land with the purpose in view to defend the interests of the Lutheran Church as over against the influence of the world and the sects," and "to communicate with other synods to this effect."

On December 22, 1914, I received a very kindly official letter from

President Schuette in which he enclosed a printed circular that he had mailed to the Presidents of every Lutheran Synod in America, including the Presidents of all the Synods composing the General Council. The circular contained a draft of a proposed preamble and constitution for the new Federation, which President Schuette, later, wrote me was simply drawn up in order that the assembly might have something outlining an order of thought. On December 29th I wrote to President Schuette stating that the General Council was heartily in favor of an alliance of Lutheran Bodies, and that I was just taking steps toward a meeting of the heads of such bodies to further the project, in accordance with the resolution passed by the last convention of the General Council; but as Dr. Schuette had himself taken the initiative, I would co-operate with him. At the same time I emphasized the importance of keeping any movement of this kind within the organic channels of the unity already attained, and that the General Bodies must not be ignored. I also drew his attention to several facts in the proposed constitution which would affect the General Council and all General Bodies unfavorably.

Meantime, the President of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania, who had received Dr. Schuette's draft of preamble and constitution, wrote me unfavorably toward the project, and stated a self-evident truth, viz., that any Synod in the General Council, "in assenting to the Principles of Faith and Polity of the General Council has restricted itself in taking any independent action on questions, in which it has agreed to act with other synods in a common body to which it has delegated the great questions of faith that affect all," and also raising other objections to the plan. I at once wrote to President Schuette stating that in my judgment the Synods of the General Council could not properly discuss the proposed constitution before it had been discussed on the floor of the General Council. I, further, explained this matter and the objections, to the Presidents of the various Synods of the Council, and they, with a single exception, indicated that they were in agreement with the view taken, and that it would be best not to attend the proposed meeting of Synods called by President Schuette to be held in Toledo; but that if any action were to be taken, the General Council itself ought take the action, *after a discussion* of the proposed constitution *on its floor*.

I, further, wrote to the President of the General Synod, Dr. Yarger, and he replied in a very strong letter, discouraging the organization of a Federation on the plan proposed, at which an outline of a constitution was to be submitted to representatives of Synods before it was considered by any general and properly appointed committee. The result was that the General Council was not represented at all at the meeting in Toledo, and the General Synod, I understand, also was not represented, although some delegates of nearby synods belonging to the General Synod were present. The Federation, as you know, has been organized, and the General Council has the right open to it of discussing the whole matter on its floor, and of giving instructions to its representatives as to any future action it may desire to have taken.

VIII. APPEAL TO THE EUROPEAN POWERS

In the fall of 1914 the President and Secretary of the General Council received indirect appeals, one of them with the name of the Arch-bishop of Upsala, through President Shailer Matthews and Secretary McFarland of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, requesting the endorsement by the General Council, in common with other American denominations, of an appeal for peace to the governments of Europe. The General Council did not actually receive a copy of the appeal from Europe, but only a duplicate sent out in the name of the Federal Council.

The Secretary and myself agreed that no officers of the General Council could assume to speak on behalf of the General Council in this matter, and that, in particular, we could not deal with Lutherans in Europe either through the Federal Council of Churches, as we are not acting on any subject in connection with the Federal Council, or through Mr. John Mott, who, as it seemed to me, was the promoter, in America at least, of the movement. Secretary McFarland requested the officials of the General Council to report their action to Mr. Mott. Had action been taken, we should have appeared as a part of the Federal Council of Churches.

I further took the position that the American doctrine of the separation of Church and State, as held by General Council Lutherans in America, does not easily permit of our entrance into the political sphere of Europe, even by way of appeal, and that we are not in sympathy with such efforts to influence the civil authorities, as the papal curia in Rome on the one hand, and the Federal Council of Churches in America on the other hand regard as legitimate and necessary.

The appeal and correspondence are submitted.

IX. THE QUADRI-CENTENNIAL

The Joint Committee of Lutherans for the purpose of celebrating the Four Hundredth Anniversary of the Church in 1917, has been meeting faithfully, and the General Council Committee, which constitutes a portion of it, will render its report to us at the proper place. This committee, as I understand it, is also charged with the duty of preparing for the Fiftieth Anniversary of the General Council during the same year. But if the General Council should desire to appoint a special committee for the latter purpose, I feel confident that the committee on Quadri-Centennial will not object. However overshadowing the importance of the general celebration may be, the celebration of our own Fiftieth Anniversary should be a great event. The celebration of the Fortieth Anniversary of the General Council in 1907 at Buffalo is still alluded to by those who participated in it, and added to the Council decided additional strength and impetus.

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X. MEETING OF PRESIDENTS OF GENERAL COUNCIL SYNODS

On July 13, 1915, the Presidents of the various synods of the General Council met in Buffalo to discuss executive problems connected with the

administration of the Council. Six of the thirteen presidents were present, the Rev. Dr. Hiram Peters, President of the District Synod of Ohio, was elected Secretary, and will bring up any recommendations or items of business before this body at the proper place.

XI. ARBITRATION

The Arbitration cause, and its difficulties, should have the earnest attention of the Council.

XII. A QUESTION OF FALSE DOCTRINE

At its last annual convention in Columbus, June 3-7, 1915, the District Synod of Ohio directed its President to call the attention of the President of the General Council to a recommendation by a pastor connected with the Council of a book containing heresies of the worst type, "to deal with the same as the facts submitted to him in the case demand." The President of the District Synod has performed his duty, and your President has gone over the papers.

The General Council cannot minimize or evade its duty on questions of false doctrine. It was founded largely for the preservation of the purity of the Faith. Its Principles of Faith and Church Polity declare (*Of Faith*, Article VI), that "The acceptance of the doctrines of the Unaltered Augsburg Confession and the avowal of them without equivocation or mental reservation, make, mark, and identify the Church," etc. They further declare (Article VIII), "We accept and acknowledge the doctrines of the Unaltered Augsburg Confession in its original sense as throughout in conformity with the pure truth of which God's Word is the only rule."

Its Principles *Of Ecclesiastical Power and Church Government* (Art. III) declare that "The absolute directory of the Will of Christ is the Word of God, the Canonical Scriptures, interpreted in accordance with the 'mind of the Spirit,' by which Scriptures the Church is to be guided in every decision. She may set forth no article of faith which is not taught by the very letter of God's Word, or derived by just and necessary inference from it, and her liberty concerns those things only which are left free by the letter and spirit of God's Word."

Article XI declares that "The leading objects for which Synods should be organized are:

"1. The maintenance and diffusion of sound doctrine, as the same is taught in God's Word and confessed in the authorized standards of the Church.

"2. When controversies arise in regard to articles of faith, to decide them in accordance with God's Word and the pure confessions of that Word. . . .

"4. The maintenance of pure discipline, to the fostering of holiness and fidelity in the ministry and people."

The first of the powers and duties of the General Council, as defined by its Constitution, are, Article I, Section 4, No. 1, "To guard the purity of the Faith and the right administration of the Sacraments." Article II, Section 2, charges that the President "shall make it the object of his special care that the Constitution be observed."

Article I, Sec. 4, No. 3, gives the General Council power and duty "at its discretion, to receive and act upon questions of doctrine, worship or discipline, referred to it by any of its Synods; to decide upon appeal on any of these points, made by one Synod from the decisions and acts of another, and to receive a final appeal from congregations or individuals whose cases have passed through the processes required respectively by the Constitutions of the Congregations, Conferences and District Synods to which the previous decision belonged; to summon and examine any clerical or lay member of the congregations represented in it, whose presence it shall deem necessary to the decision of questions committed to it."

In the present case, the charge was made by a member of one Synod to the President of another Synod within the Council, after the pastor in the other Synod failed to acknowledge the teaching of error on his part. The President of the second Synod refused to act. The member of the first Synod brought the matter before his body, and that body has officially called the attention of the President of the General Council to the matter.

The first question is whether the case is regular in form under our constitution; if so, the second question is whether the doctrine spread is false; and, if it be so found, the third question is as to the duty and action of the General Council in the premises. The article of Faith directly concerned is the Inspiration of the Scriptures.

I have no doubt in my mind that the doctrine on which the case hinges is unevangelical and subversive of the Principles of the General Council. The party accused, I am sure, does not look at the matter in this serious light, and no doubt believes freedom and unrestraint of utterance to be altogether within its right. Taking the case as a whole, and as typical, the Council should not act without the most mature consideration. I recommend the appointment of a committee to investigate first the law, and secondly the facts, and third, to be prepared to recommend a finding.

XIII. APPLICATION OF TEXAS SYNOD FOR ADMISSION

On May 27th I received a formal application from the Old German Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Texas, through its President, Rev. W. C. Wolfsdorf, for entrance into the General Council, together with a copy of the Synodical Constitution. This Synod, I believe, was organized under the auspices of the General Council many years ago, when the Council was doing German Home Mission work in Texas. It has, in these last years, been desirous of renewing its connection with the General Council, but a portion of it has organized a new Synod and gone into the membership of the Iowa Synod.

XIV. THE SLAV MISSION CHARTER

A copy, not entirely perfect, of the Slav Mission Charter, ordered and approved at the last meeting of the General Council, has been placed in my hands by the Secretary of the Slav Board, and the Board has been desirous of proceeding to incorporation. It has been my judgment that several facts in connection with the Charter, and that a possible change of some conditions brought about by the war in Europe, ought be looked into before the corporation is finally completed, and I have therefore taken the responsibility of holding up the Charter until the present meeting of the General Council. Some of the correspondence is submitted.

XV. INCORPORATION OF THE PORTO RICO MISSION BOARD

On November 4, 1914, the Rev. B. F. Hankey, Secretary of the Porto Rico Mission Board, informed me of the urgent necessity, on the ground of gaining a proper legal hold on our properties in Porto Rico, of incorporating the Porto Rico Board. On November 5th I replied to him, that it would be well for the Board to incorporate, with advice concerning the proper procedure, and with the statement that if the General Council had not already given authority for this act, it would undoubtedly do so at the present meeting.

XVI. GENERAL COUNCIL PENSION FUND

I have received letters from several pastors urging the establishing of a Ministers' Pension Fund, either by the General Council or by each of the Synods. If the latter, every Synod should have a uniform system, and a system by which it would be possible for a pastor, when he is called from one body to another, to transfer his pension arrangements to the new body. I have been informed that the most effective plan thus far in operation is that of our Augustana Synod. A part of the correspondence is submitted.

XVII. THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY AT KROPP

This institution has performed a great work for the General Council, having sent hundreds of young men into our mission fields here in America. The European War has crippled it temporarily, as most of the students are now at the front in the service of their country. But the institution informs us that with the coming of peace, there will be great opportunities for its work on a larger scale, and that it will be of advantage to the General Council to use every effort to hold things together, on a reduced scale, for the next two years.

XVIII. THE NEW COLLEGE OF THE MANITOBA SYNOD

This promising institution was begun by the brethren of the Manitoba Synod in a spirit of strong faith. But the European War has placed our German Church in Canada in a peculiar situation and rendered it so impossible to gather funds, that unless help comes to them from the United States, they will scarcely be able to hold their property. It is hoped that the General Council may provide some measure of relief.

XIX. BEQUESTS

On July 11, 1914, Miss Mary A. Geissenhainer of Morristown, New Jersey, sent me the sum of \$100 as the beginning of the Augustus T. Geissenhainer Memorial Fund, the interest of which shall be used toward the salaries of the Home Missionaries of the General Council, and the sum to be added to from time to time by the donor. I transmitted the fund to the Treasurer of the General Council Home Mission Board, and announced its receipt in *The Lutheran*.

The late Dr. John Nicum, a prominent, able and devoted champion of the General Council, who was our German Recording Secretary from 1886 to 1897, and our Corresponding Secretary at the time of his death on November 2, 1909, as is well known, made a series of bequests to various boards of the Church, at least one of which is under the control of the Trustees of the General Council, and all of which are effective after the death of his widow. On August 20, 1915, Mrs. Nicum called on me and stated her desire to hand over at once such amount of these bequests to the various Boards, as would constitute an equitable and reasonable settlement of the bequests, so that the estate might be relieved of further responsibility, and the Church might enjoy the use of the moneys immediately. I replied to her that the propositions would be brought before the various bodies at their next regular meetings.

XX. LUTHERAN YEAR BOOK

We are still in need of a single, great and worthy Lutheran Year Book, to be issued conjointly by all the co-operating Lutheran General Bodies, which will combine a directory of the whole Lutheran Church in America with scrupulous justice and accuracy of material pertaining especially to each of the co-operating bodies. Such a publication ought to be planned and issued on a broad scale, great care being taken to make the editorial and publishing basis thoroughly satisfactory to all participants.

XXI. SUGGESTIONS OF THE LAYMEN

Of the eight suggestions made by the Laymen's Meeting of the General Council at Toledo, the first was adopted by the President and attempted to be carried out this morning. The second has been carried out by the Secretary. The fourth and fifth have, we believe, been carried out by the Boards. A committee on the sixth resolution has been appointed. The seventh resolution suggests the advisability of a larger representation of laymen on the various boards and committees of the General Council. The President has made considerable effort to bear this suggestion in mind. In his judgment the cause of any failure in this respect lies in a lack of sufficient acquaintance with the laymen and with their capabilities, and suitability for specific work, and in the failure of Synods to send, in full, advance lists of lay-delegates who will actually attend the Convention. The President suggests that the General Council request the

Secretary of every Synod, in sending in the official list of delegates to specially designate such men, as experience in synodical conventions, has proven to be true and tried, in giving faithful services to the Church.

It must be remembered that General Council committees, in order that the various synods be properly represented, must be made up of men covering a wide stretch of territory, and that a very large number of laymen, for business or other considerations, are unable to take the time to regularly make long journeys to distant parts in order to attend committee meetings. Much can be done toward increasing the available number of the laity of the Council for its work if the laity and the clergy in the delegations will cultivate a spirit of loyalty toward the work of the Council, and if the Synods will make it a point to send men who are ready to give their continuous service during the biennium, and will make these men known.

A committee on the eighth and last resolution was appointed, and will present a report.

XXII. COMMITTEE ON NECROLOGY

In accordance with the action taken by the last General Council, a standing Committee on Necrology has been appointed, which will render its report to the Council at the proper time. I cannot however refrain from alluding here to the serious loss within the General Council as incurred in the death of the Rev. E. T. Horn, D.D., LL.D., the late chairman of our Foreign Mission Board, and one of the wisest and most influential members of the Council on the floor and in work on important committees.

In this connection it may not be out of place to say that I have been informed that among the venerable fathers of the General Council there are only two living members who participated in its organization, the one Dr. H. W. Roth of Greenville, Pa., and the other Dr. G. W. Mechling of Lancaster, Ohio. Dr. Mechling has been present at every meeting of the General Council from the beginning, including the preliminary meeting in Reading in 1866, save the convention in Philadelphia in 1877. In addition, we must mention the venerable Dr. E. Belfour, the President of our Porto Rico Mission Board, still active amongst us at the age of 82, and the oldest of all the Secretaries of the General Council, and the Rev. Dr. Jacob Fry, the first, this year, on the list of the delegates of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania, who also was present at the organization of the General Council, and in whose church, Old Trinity, Reading, the convention met.

XXIII. CHANGE IN SUPERINTENDENCY OF GERMAN IMMIGRANT HOUSE

On October 28, 1914, the German Immigrant Board of New York requested my consent to the election of the Rev. Mr. H. Brueckner as provisional missionary of the Immigrant House, with the understanding that Rev. Brueckner unite with the General Council by becoming a member of the New York Ministerium. Rev. Brueckner is the pastor

of the Lutheran Seeman's Haus in Hoboken and the intention was to temporarily combine the two offices in one. The constitution requires the approval of the General Council in the election of a new Superintendent. I gave the needed permission.

XXIV. APPOINTMENTS

On October 7, 1913, I appointed the following provisional Committee to Examine Charters of Boards:

Rev. H. A. Weller.	Rev. A. J. Reichert.
Rev. H. E. Jacobs, D.D., LL.D.	E. Augustus Miller, Esq.
Rev. G. A. Brandelle, D.D.	G. E. Schlegelmilch, Esq.
Rev. G. F. Gehr.	Mr. John W. Greene.
Rev. F. H. Bosch.	Mr. Wm. H. Hager.
Rev. W. D. C. Keiter, D.D.	Mr. F. C. Hassold.
Rev. J. Stump, D.D.	

On September 29, 1914, I was notified by the Secretary of the Slay Mission Board that a vacancy had been created on the Board through the death of Rev. Hugo R. Erdmann of Johnstown, and requesting the appointment of the Rev. J. O. Schlenker, the former Field Secretary of the Board, to fill this vacancy. On October 30, 1914, I made the requested appointment.

I have appointed the following Committee to Examine Applications of New Synods:

Rev. H. Offermann, D.D.	Rev. E. F. Bachmann, D.D.
Rev. L. G. Abrahamson, D.D.	E. Augustus Miller, Esq.
Rev. J. C. Kunzmann, D.D.	Mr. Grant Hultberg.
Rev. H. A. Weller.	Mr. James Gear.
Rev. G. A. Benze, D.D.	Mr. W. M. Mearig.
Rev. A. Steinhäuser, D.D.	Mr. Martin L. Deck.
Rev. E. F. Ritter.	

XXV. GETTING THE GENERAL COUNCIL ACQUAINTED

In accordance with the resolution urged by our laymen, the President of the Council and the Local Committee at Rock Island have made the attempt to get the delegates to this Convention acquainted with each other prior to the opening of the Convention.

XXVI. THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY CONVENTION

The arrangements made for the meeting of the Woman's Convention in connection with this Convention of the General Council are known to all through the papers. It is understood that these arrangements are for this Convention only, and it is for the General Council to say what shall be done in this matter for 1917, or, if it have no preference, to commit the arrangement to its officers. The difficulty in arranging a double Convention, through two sets of general officers each at a distance from the other, and two local committees, is very great. The Rock Island local committees were very active and efficient.

I pray the Lord to guide this Convention in accordance with His will.

THEODORE E. SCHMAUK, *President.*

The Report was received and referred to the following Committees on the President's Report:

1. *On General Relations*: The Revs. W. D. C. Keiter, D.D., M. C. Ranseen, D.D., G. W. Mechling, D.D., H. Peters, D.D., W. Brenner, J. A. W. Kirsch, O. Sohlberg, M.D., Messrs. M. L. March and K. T. Anderson.

2. *On Request of District Synod of Ohio*: The Revs. J. Stump, D.D., F. A. Kaehler, D.D., W. K. Frick, D.D., M. L. Wagner, George Gebert, D.D., E. F. Krauss, D.D., W. Frey, F. F. Fry, D.D., and H. Becker.

3. *On General Council Administration*: The Revs. J. E. Whitteker, D.D., C. M. Jacobs, D.D., B. N. Hankey, E. L. Ritter, Prof. C. W. Foss, Hon. F. M. Riter, and Messrs. W. M. Mearig and Grant Hultberg.

ACTION ON PRESIDENT'S REPORT

In the Monday Afternoon Session the Rev. Mr. Weller presented the

REPORT ON PART I. OF THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

In harmony with the words of the President's report we desire to express our deep sense of the privilege and joy of meeting in Rock Island and Moline in the centre and heart of the Augustana Synod. A wonderful panorama of Church activity has been passing before our eyes. It is good for us to be here. To the bond of faith which unites us in the great historic Church of the Reformation we have now added the ties of personal acquaintance and friendship. We have viewed with surprise and delight the great church plant of Augustana, her imposing College building, beautiful grounds, well equipped Theological Seminary, splendid and most valuable library, prosperous publication house, and benevolent institutions. It has refreshed our souls to enjoy the cordial greetings of the two score and more of pastors, professors and instructors in College and Seminary. We can say of many of us that the half had not been told us. We can also say to Augustana "Many daughters have done virtuously, but thou excellest them all." Our faith in our faith to bring forth good works is mightily strengthened by the carrying out of the Apostle's challenge "Show me thy faith without thy works and I will show thee my faith by my works." Our hearts will certainly rejoice as we go hence in the manifested and heartfelt unity of faith and spirit which has been additionally secured through this Convention of the General Council in Rock Island and Moline.

1. With the President of the General Council we lament the dangers, tribulations, and manifold sorrows which by the ravages of a terrible war have beset and still beset thousands and tens of thousands of our brethren in the faith in this country, in Europe, and in the heathen world. Therefore we recommend, that we express our profoundest sympathy

with our brethren in the faith irrespective of nationality, who are affected by the exigencies of the great conflict; that continued prayer be offered, that an infinitely just and merciful God may through His gracious Word comfort His afflicted people, and renew their confidence in the assurance that God still reigneth, that righteousness and judgment are the habitation of His throne; and that He may hasten the day when the blessings of a universal peace shall again descend upon suffering humanity.

2. Regarding general movements in the Christian world which have arisen in the last few years looking to the drawing together of the whole Christian Church on earth, such as the movement of a free Protestantism towards a united foreign mission objective, the Federation of Churches, and other movements of a similar character, we recommend, that, while we cannot at this time organically participate, it is well nevertheless to keep fully informed as to their trend, direction, and development.

3. Paragraph III. of the President's report containing information bearing upon Faith and Order is respectfully referred to the special committee appointed to consider this matter.

4. Regarding section IV. of the President's report, containing a request that the General Council interest itself in securing for our Church proper recognition in the appointing of chaplains for the army and navy of the United States to which the number, influence and loyalty of our Lutheran citizenship is duly entitled, we recommend that a standing committee be appointed to consider the matter and receive from the Presidents of the several Synods the names of men suitable for such positions.

5. Section V. is referred to the Committee on International Conference.

6. We approve the course pursued by the President of the General Council and the President of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania in the matter of the Lutheran Federation, and would hereby express our hope that efforts will be continued which will lead to a satisfactory relation between Lutheran bodies of this country. We further recommend that the General Council discuss on the floor of the convention whether our Synods shall act in unity on this matter

7. We heartily endorse the position of the President in his answer to appeals requesting the endorsement of the General Council, in common with other American denominations, of an appeal for peace to the governments of Europe. We quote and make our own, especially the following words of the President's report: "The American doctrine of the separation of Church and State, as held by General Council Lutherans in America, does not easily permit of our entrance into the political sphere of Europe, even by way of appeal, and that we are not in sympathy with such efforts to influence the civil authorities, as the papal curia in Rome on the one hand, and the Federal Council of Churches in America on the other hand regard as legitimate and necessary."

8. Regarding the proper celebration of the 50th anniversary of the General Council we recommend that a special committee in addition to the General Committee be appointed to consider the proper celebration of the 50th anniversary of the General Council.

THE COMMITTEE.

The Report was adopted as a whole in the form given above.

In the Monday Afternoon Session the Rev. Dr. Stump presented the

REPORT ON PART II. OF THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Your Committee on the second part of President's report, referring to the request of the District Synod of Ohio, begs leave to report as follows:

We agree with the President of this body, that the first of the powers and duties of the General Council as defined by its constitution is (Article 1, Section 4, No. 1) "To guard the purity of the faith and the right administration of the Sacraments."

We also agree with the President, that in the case referred to this Committee, the first question is, as to whether the case is regular in form under our Constitution, and that, if so, the second question is, whether the doctrine spread is false; and, that, if it be so found, the third question is, as to the duty and action of the General Council in the premises.

Taking the matter up in this order, your Committee, after a careful examination of the documents accessible to it, finds that the case has not come properly before this body; that the General Council at this stage of the case has no jurisdiction in the matter; and that any action in the matter must be taken in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution of the Synod to which the accused pastor belongs.

JOSEPH STUMP,	ELMER F. KRAUSS,
FRANKLIN F. FRY,	W. E. FREY,
F. A. KAHLER,	WM. K. FRICK,
	GEORGE GEBERT.

Committee.

The Report was unanimously adopted.

In the Monday afternoon Session the Rev. Dr. Whitteker presented the

REPORT ON PART III. ON GENERAL COUNCIL ADMINISTRATION

Your Committee on the last part of the President's Report, respectfully submits the following:

1. Sec. 15. The Committee recommends that the Porto Rico Board be authorized to secure a charter so soon as the committee appointed to examine Charters of Boards have favorably passed upon it.

2. Sec. 16. That a Committee on Ministerial Pensions be appointed by the Council who shall consult with the Quadri-centennial Committee to report a plan to be presented to the Synods for discussion at their next meetings, and that such Synods as adopt it, may put it in immediate operation and gather funds and that it be presented at the next meeting of the General Council for final adoption.

3. Sec. 17. The Committee recommends an expression of sympathy with our brethren of the Kropp Seminary in view of the fact that the sad condition of the times has rendered their work all but impossible, and suggests the commendation of their cause to the special favorable consideration of our churches.

4. Sec. 20. As to the proposed Lutheran Year Book, your Committee recommends the appointment of a committee to co-operate with similar committees from the other general Lutheran Bodies in the publication of such a Year Book, and that to this end all these General Bodies be asked to appoint like committees.

5. Sec. 26. We look with favor upon the meeting of the Women's Missionary Society during the sessions of the Council, and request that they arrange their meetings, so as not to conflict with the General Council, and hold them in another church than the one in which the General Council meets.

J. E. WHITTEKER,	GRANT HULTBERG,
B. F. HANKEY,	FRANK M. RITER,
CHARLES M. JACOBS,	E. F. RITTER,
W. M. MEARIG,	C. W. FOSS.

After amendment, the report was adopted as a whole as given above.

The Recording Secretaries presented to the Council a pamphlet of 222 pages, comprising "Documents for the Thirty-fifth Convention of the General Council," being a nearly complete collection of Reports of Boards and Standing Committees.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee begs leave to submit the subjoined Order of Business, Regulations, Unfinished Business, Names of Official Reporters and a List of Public Services and Meetings. (For the last, see the Appendix.)

I. PROVISIONAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

The Convention will meet at 9 a. m. and 2 p. m. It will adjourn at 12 m. and at 5 p. m.

Thursday Morning

Opening Communion Service, **First Church, Moline.**

Confessional Service, 9.30 a. m.

The Service, 10.00 a. m.

Address of Welcome by the Rev. L. G. Abrahamson, D.D.

Sermon by the Rev. T. E. Schmauk, D.D., LL.D., President of the General Council.

The Holy Communion to be administered by the Officers and Vice-Presidents of the General Council.

Thursday Afternoon

OPENING OF THE CONVENTION, according to the Order of the Church.

PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS (To the President).

(N. B.—The majority of these credentials were forwarded to the President and Secretary of the General Council two weeks before the opening of the Genral Council.)

ORGANIZATION OF THE CONVENTION by the approval of Credentials by the President and their transmissal to the Secretary.

APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION OF NEW SYNODS.

Appointment of Committee to Examine Applications.

ROLL CALL OF CONVENTION BY SYNODS.

1 *PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

Appointment of Committees on President's Report.

RECEPTION OF NEW SYNODS (If Committee be prepared to Report).

2 REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PLAN FOR HOLDING ELECTIONS.
ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

(N. B.—According to the method suggested by the Committee, as approved by the Council.)

RECEPTION OF RESOLUTIONS FROM SYNODS, or any other documents intended for the General Council.

3 RECEPTION OF ABSTRACTS OF MINUTES.

Giving notice of Important Business to be brought before the General Council for its action.

Appointment of Committee on Documents and Papers presented, Committee to Examine Matters in Abstracts of Synodical Minutes referred to General Council, and present them with suitable recommendations, and Committee on Unfinished Business of 1913.

Recognition of Official Visitors or Representatives from Synods and giving them the Privilege of Debate.

4 REPORT OF THE TREASURER of the General Council.

Appointment of Auditing Committee for Treasurer's Account.

* Numbers indicate Documents in print.

5 REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES of the General Council and their Treasurer.

6 REPORT OF FOREIGN MISSION BOARD.

Report of Auditing Committee on Treasurer's Accounts.
Appointment of Various Committees.
Prayer.

Friday Morning.

OPENING SERVICE.

ROLL CALL OF DELEGATES TO THE GENERAL COUNCIL.

APPOINTMENT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEES AND TELLERS.

7 (1) REPORT OF ENGLISH HOME MISSION BOARD.

7 (2) Report of The Lutheran Church Extension Society.

7 (3) Report of Committee on Examining Charter of Church Extension Society.

8 REPORT OF PORTO RICO MISSION BOARD.

REPORT OF BOARD OF SWEDISH MISSIONS.

10 REPORT OF BOARD OF SLAV MISSIONS.

11 REPORT OF BOARD OF GERMAN HOME MISSIONS.

Friday Afternoon.

12 REPORT OF KROPP COMMISSION.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GERMAN CONFERENCE.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES ON PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NECROLOGY.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE TO EXAMINE MATTERS IN MINUTES OF
SYNODS REFERRING TO GENERAL COUNCIL.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENGLISH CONFERENCE.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY-SCHOOL WORK.

Appointment of Committees on German Conference, English Conference, and Kropp Commission.

Saturday Morning.

14 REPORT OF BOARD OF PUBLICATION.

REPORT OF EDITOR OF THE LUTHERAN.

15 REPORT OF EDITOR OF DER DEUTSCHE LUTHERANER.

16 REPORT OF IMMIGRANT MISSION BOARD.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BUDGET.

Appointment of Committee on Finance and Budget.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LAYMEN'S CONFERENCE.

Appointment of Committee on Laymen's Conference.

REPORT OF QUADRI-CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE.

17 REPORT OF JUBILEE FUND COMMITTEE.

REPORT OF PENSION FUND COMMITTEE.

Appointment of these Committees.

Saturday Afternoon.

- 18 REPORT OF CHURCH BOOK COMMITTEE.
- 19 REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LUTHERAN CHURCH MUSIC.
- 20 REPORT OF GENERAL COUNCIL VISITORS TO OTHER GENERAL BODIES.

ADDRESSES OF OFFICIAL VISITORS FROM OTHER GENERAL BODIES TO THE GENERAL COUNCIL.

Appointment of Church Book Committee and Committee on Lutheran Church Music.

Monday Morning.

- REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GENERAL LUTHERAN CONFERENCE.
- REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WORLD CONFERENCE ON FAITH AND ORDER.
- REPORT OF COMMISSION ON ARBITRATION.
- 21 REPORT OF BOARD OF EDUCATION.
- 22 REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RELIGIOUS WORK IN UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES.
- UNFINISHED REPORTS OF GENERAL COUNCIL BOARDS.
- OTHER UNFINISHED BUSINESS.
- NEW BUSINESS.
- Appointment of Committees that have Reported.

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- REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS OF 1913.
- 23 REPORT OF INNER MISSION COMMITTEE.
- REMARKS BY SEAMEN'S MISSIONARY, NEW YORK.
- 24 REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JEWISH MISSIONS.
- 25 REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DEACONESS WORK.
- REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATISTICS.
- NEW BUSINESS.
- UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

Tuesday Morning

- REPORT OF COMMITTEES APPOINTED DURING THE CONVENTION.
- REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LAYMEN'S ORGANIZATION.
- REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON IMPROVEMENTS IN THE ORGANIZATION OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL.
- REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RULES FOR FUTURE INCORPORATION.
- 26 REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHURCH ARCHITECTURE.
- 27 REPORT OF LUTHERAN CHURCH BOOK AND LITERATURE SOCIETY.
- REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GERMAN PARISH PAPERS.

28 REPORT OF ARCHIVIST.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE LUTHERAN.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON READING THE BIBLE IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MEETING IN 1917.

29 REPORT OF PRESS COMMITTEE.

II. REGULATIONS

- i. **Synodical Delegations.** 1. The list of delegates is to be sent to the President and Secretary of the General Council two weeks in advance of the meeting. (Minutes, 1911, p. 246.)
2. Certificates of Appointment from delegates claiming seats shall be required by the President, who shall decide upon their validity. An appeal may be taken to the Convention after the whole number of certificates shall have been presented. (Minutes, 1911, p. 301.)
3. Synods may fill in the remaining third of their delegation up to the morning of the second day by presenting their credentials to the President. (Minutes, 1911, p. 246.)
4. Our Constitution and By-Laws will be found in Minutes of 1911, pp. 301-303.
2. **General Council Reports.** 1. Reports, with recommendations, shall be sent to the English Recording Secretary of the General Council at least one month before the convening of the Council. (1911, p. 246; 1913, p. 194.)
2. Additional recommendations and changes in reports may be presented in writing on the floor of the Convention. (1911, p. 246; 1913, p. 193.)
3. The English Secretary shall send out a Booklet containing the Reports ten days in advance of the Convention. (1911, p. 246.)
4. No descriptive matter of Reports of Standing Committees or Boards, where such Reports are not printed shall be read, unless specially called for by a majority vote of the Council. (1909, p. 31.)
5. Undigested details shall be referred to special Committees to put into form before they come to discussion on the floor. (1909, p. 29.)
6. Itemized accounts shall not be read, but only the totals unless called for. (1909, p. 31.)
7. Two hours is the maximum allowed any Board or Standing Committee, unless the rule be suspended by a three-fourth's vote. The unfinished matter shall go over until reports of the other Board and Standing Committee have been read, when, prior to the introduction of any new business, another two hours may be allotted to it.
8. Institutional Reports shall be consolidated into the Inner Mission Report.

(a) The Committee on Inner Mission Work shall be charged with preparing a **Report** which shall include in itself the statistics of all the **Inner Mission Institutions** and Agencies within the General Council.

(b) **All Inner Mission Agencies and Institutions** of the General Council shall be charged with the duty of sending their reports sufficiently in advance to the chairman of the **Committee on Inner Mission Work** to enable him to tabulate and complete his report.

(c) When the report of Inner Mission Work of the General Council is presented to the Council, such **representatives of Institutions** and Inner Mission agencies as **may be present** at the Council shall be given the **privilege of the floor** in the order of the presentation of the report of the institutions with which they are connected, to **emphasize** such items in the report as may be deemed desirable. (Minutes, 1909, p. 28.)

3. **Board Apportionments.** 9. All Boards and Committees of the General Council are required to submit in detail their requests for apportionments not later than July 1st. (1913, p. 189.)
4. **Board Expenditures.** 1. All Boards are required to render itemized statements of expenditures made by them. (1913, p. 191.)

III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS OF 1913

I. CHURCH BOOK.

- P. 227. Early publication of New Hymnal and Liturgy.
- P. 226. Trial edition of common Catechism authorized.

II. EDUCATION.

- P. 200. Literature on Ministerial supply.
- P. 200. Investigation of problem of training lay workers.
- P. 202. Conference on Comity between General Council Institutions.
- P. 264. Co-operation with Inner Mission Committee, on above plan.
- P. 298. Bible reading in public schools.

III. ENGLISH HOME MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION.

- P. 60. Report on making Church Extension Society an integral part of the General Council.
- P. 154. Statistical Report of Church Extension.
- P. 218. Slav Church Extension Fund.
- P. 235. General Synod urged to return to original Arbitration Compact.
- P. 236. Conditions under which Arbitration Work is to be continued and extended.

IV. FINANCIAL.

- P. 189. Apportionments for Biennium.
- P. 191. Boards to render itemized statement of expenditure.
- P. 220. Jubilee Fund Committee to confer with other general bodies.
- P. 220. Special Committee to visit Augustana Synod on the Jubilee Fund plan.

V. FOREIGN MISSIONS.

- P. 57. Transfer of property by trustees to Foreign Board.
- P. 126. Women's Missionary Society to report to Foreign Board and make Recommendations through the same.
- P. 127. Details of All-India Conference.

- P. 127. Confessional statement precedent to all action on Joint India Theological Seminary.
- P. 127. Board to correspond with other Boards concerning All-India Conference.
- P. 149. Missionary Literature.

VI. INNER MISSIONS.

- P. 32. All Reports to be summarized.
- P. 182. Action concerning the ports of Boston and Canada.
- P. 263. \$300 appropriated to Inner Mission Committee.
- P. 263. Adequate amount of Council's time to be set apart for Inner Mission discussion.
- P. 263. Joint Inner Mission Conference with General Synod authorized.
- P. 264. "Open Church" Resolution referred for consideration and development to Inner Mission Committee.
- P. 264. With Board of Education to mature plan for training lay workers.
- P. 266. Septagesima Sunday and the importance of a female diaconate.

VII. JEWISH AND SLAV BOARD.

- P. 183. Immigrant Missionary for Slavs and Magyars authorized.
- P. 218. Slav Church Extension Fund referred to Church Extension Committee.
- P. 218. Committee on Slav Church Extension Fund.
- P. 272. Jewish Mission to be extended beyond Pittsburgh.

VIII. NEXT CONVENTIONS.

- P. 192. New Plan for conducting elections.
- P. 194. Secretary to prepare separate ballot for election.
- P. 194. Large map to be prepared.
- P. 194. Committees on Layman's Organization and Improvements in General Council organization.
- P. 195. Place of 1915 Convention left to Committee.
- P. 196. Proposed Meeting on Pacific Coast 1919.
- P. 196. Invitation to New York for 1917.
- P. 276. Standard size of Synodical Minutes.
- P. 291. Press Committee standing Committee.

IX. PUBLICATION MATTERS.

- P. 149. The Lutheran and Young Folks to devote more space to missionary news.
- P. 163. Has Publication Board filled Staff vacancies?
- P. 163. Establishment of Union Lutheran Book depository in Chicago.
- P. 176. German Parish Papers.
- P. 290. Juvenile Sunday-school Monthly for grades below Bible History.
- P. 291. Editor Sandt's proposition special order for 1915.

X. SYNODICAL AND GENERAL.

- P. 22. President authorized to call conference of heads of Lutheran bodies.
- P. 23. Committee on Necrology to be appointed.
- P. 263. \$300 per annum for Inner Mission Committee.
- P. 276. Statistical Committee to enter into correspondence with Statistical Committees of other bodies.
- P. 280. General Council views to be pressed on the "Allgemeine Konferenz."
- P. 296. Secretary to give information to Icelandic Synod.

IV. OFFICIAL REPORTERS

PRESS COMMITTEE.

- Rev. W. L. Hunton, Ph.D., Philadelphia.
- Rev. E. A. Trabert, Lima, O.
- Mr. Grant Hultberg, Rock Island, Ill.
- Rev. Ira O. Nothstein, Rock Island, Ill.
- Rev. Carl Christensen, Chicago, Ill.
- Rev. E. E. Ryden, Jamestown, N. Y.
- Rev. B. F. Hoefer, Elgin, Ill.
- Rev. F. E. Cooper, Milwaukee, Wis.

V. MEETINGS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Resolved, That the Executive Committee of the General Council be requested to meet at least once a year, and as much oftener as they deem it advisable, and that the railroad fare and hotel expenses of the members be granted.

• W. K. FRICK, *Secretary*.

On motion it was

Resolved, That the Executive Committee's Report be adopted as a whole, the Order of Business to be a continuous order.

Rev. Dr. Frick presented the

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PLAN FOR HOLDING ELECTIONS

The Committee appointed (Min. 1913, p. 192) to "arrange for a more expeditious and satisfactory plan for electing Officers and members of Boards" presents the following results of its deliberations:

General Council elections are of two classes: first, those of Officers, which by the Constitution must be by ballot; secondly, those of various Boards and Committees. The former are without nomination, though usage has sanctioned the nomination of laymen for the office of Treasurer. The Boards have come to be nominated by a special Committee or Committees.

Laying aside plans which are applicable only to Synods, we offer the following

PLAN FOR CONDUCTING GENERAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS.

A. Election of Officers

1. After reading his Report and placing it in the hands of the proper committee or committees, and after hearing the report of the Committee on Reception of New Synods, the President shall appoint Tellers to conduct the election of Officers of the Council, and the ballot shall be taken on the floor immediately after said appointment.

2. The Tellers shall first count the votes cast for President, and immediately report the result. After the election of President the remaining ballots shall be counted, and the result announced. After a third ballot for any office the choice shall be confined to the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes. The announcement of results and subsequent necessary balloting shall take precedence of any other business.

3. The Recording Secretaries shall furnish printed blanks for balloting, as follows:

BALLOT FOR GENERAL COUNCIL OFFICERS

President

Recording Secretaries

English.

German.

Swedish.

Corresponding Secretaries

English.

German.

Swedish.

Treasurer

B. Election of Boards, etc.

1. After his election, and if possible before the close of the First Session, the President shall name Committees to nominate candidates for election to the several Boards, etc., of the General Council,—one committee for each incorporated Board, and one for the unincorporated Commissions, Boards and Committees elected by the Council.

2. He shall at the same time appoint a Committee of Tellers sufficient in number to be divided into Sub-committees to count the votes cast respectively for each Board, etc., to be elected.

3. Nominations on the floor of the Council shall not be in order until the reports of the respective Nominating Committees have been heard; but individual Delegates shall be privileged to hand to the Recording Secretaries or to any member of a Nominating Committee, at the first session after the appointment, any names desired to be considered for nomination.

4. For conducting an election by ballot the Recording Secretaries shall furnish printed or typewritten ballots as below, containing the lists of nominees accepted by the Council, with designation of those nominated by the Committee, and ample space for the substitution of other names.

(SAMPLE BALLOT)

BOARD OF ——— HOME MISSIONS

7 to be voted for.

Committee nominations above dotted line.

Place an (X) before each name voted for.

(Here follow 7 names.)

.....

(Other names.)

5. The Recording Secretaries shall also furnish the Tellers with suitable ballot boxes, and with Official Lists of the Delegates entitled to vote.

6. The Committee of Tellers shall arrange for distributing the ballots, and for receiving the votes at such place and time (between the Sessions of the Council) as the Body shall designate.

7. The Sub-committees shall report the result of the election, arranging the names according to the number of votes received, and the persons receiving the highest number of votes shall be declared elected.

WILLIAM K. FRICK,
HARVEY A. WELLER,
ERNST E. BACHMANN,
H. M. M. RICHARDS,
FREDERICK C. HASSOLD.

On motion of the Rev. George Drach, it was

Resolved, That the above plan be adopted tentatively for the present Convention; that Saturday noon and Monday noon be set apart as a time for holding elections; and that the final adoption of the plan be deferred to 1917.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The President appointed the following Tellers: The Revs. E. F. Bachmann, D.D., J. J. Kline, Ph.D., G. A. Benze, D.D., Wm. Brenner, P. O. Bersell, A. W. Stark, and Messrs. W. M. Mearig, C. A. Rockwell. 213 votes were cast.

The result was announced later in the afternoon, the former officers being re-elected as follows:

PRESIDENT

REV. THEODORE E. SCHMAUK, D.D., LL.D., Lebanon, Pa.

RECORDING SECRETARIES

English—REV. WILLIAM K. FRICK, D.D., Milwaukee, Wis.

German—REV. GOTTLIEB C. BERKEMEIER, D.D., Mount Vernon, N. Y.

Swedish—REV. LAURENTIUS G. ABRAHAMSON, D.D., Rock Island, Ill.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARIES

English—REV. FREDERICK A. KAEHLER, D.D., Buffalo, N. Y.

German—REV. PROF. HENRY OFFERMANN, D.D., Mt. Airy, Philadelphia, Pa.

Swedish—REV. ALFRED APPELL, Burlington, Iowa.

TREASURER

MR. ANDREW H. ANDERSON, Rock Island, Ill.

The Presidents of the several Synods, except the one from which the President is chosen, are ex-officio the Vice-Presidents of the General Council. (See the Directory for names.)

The President appointed Rev. Prof. Södergren to supervise the Devotional Services of the Convention, and the Rev. George H. Schnur to be Assistant to the Secretary.

The President appointed the following

Committee on Documents: The Revs. G. A. Brandelle, D.D., A. F. Elmquist, Ph.D., E. F. Keever, D.D., Hon. C. R. Lantz, and Mr. J. F. Helsing.

There were no documents presented or referred to this committee.

The Secretaries presented the following abstracts of the transactions of the various Synods as prepared by their respective Presidents:

ABSTRACTS OF MINUTES OF DISTRICT SYNODS**I. Ministerium of Pennsylvania and Adjacent States**

The Ministerium of Pennsylvania has held two meetings since the last convention of the General Council.

The annual report for the year ending May, 1915, shows this Synod to consist of 406 ministers, 575 congregations constituting 348 parishes, and 159,127 confirmed members, of whom 125,990 were reported as having communed, 633 adults and 7,612 infants were baptized, and 6,169 persons confirmed; 109,404 scholars are instructed by 11,210 officers and teachers in 567 Sunday-schools. The total congregational expenses amounted to \$1,007,406.76 and the total benevolent contributions to \$205,088.35 during the last year, the former being a 4 per cent. increase as compared with the figures given in the abstract of 1913, and the latter a 53 per cent. increase.

The Educational Fund of a half million dollars for the Theological Seminary at Mt. Airy, Philadelphia, and for Muhlenberg College at Allentown, resolved upon several years ago, the gathering of which has been since prosecuted, is set to be completed by October 31st of this year.

The educational institutions are increasingly prosperous and progressive. During the past year the College and the Preparatory School had a combined enrollment of 321, and the Theological Seminary 67 undergraduate and 13 graduate students. The new building for the Preparatory School at Allentown is well along to completion. By request of the College and by resolution of the Ministerium a Chair of Religion has been established at the College.

The prayers and the endeavors of the Church in the interest of more men for the Gospel ministry are producing fruit with the result that the Board of Education has been called on to care for 39 students during the past year as over against 25 two years ago.

During the past year the Ministerium came into possession of a bequest of \$35,613.72 from the estate of Helena C. Bower, of the city of Philadelphia, the proceeds from which are to be devoted to Home Missions and the preparation of young men by education for the ministry.

Beginning with next year the conservative but constructive Mother Synod will have a salaried president, whose entire time shall be at the command of the Ministerium. The time for convening the Synod is changed from Thursday morning to Monday evening, preceding Trinity Sunday, and a committee has been appointed to propose plans for facilitating the proper consideration and disposition of the increasing business of Synod.

The Synod suffered severe loss in the taking away, March 4, 1915, of the Rev. Prof. Edward T. Horn, D.D., LL.D., professor of the Ministerium in our Philadelphia Theological Seminary, and on the Board of Directors of Muhlenberg College. From 1910 to 1913 he was president of the Ministerium. "His memory will ever be blessed among us as that of a great and wise leader, honest and sincere in purpose, strong in conviction, broad in sympathy, large and hopeful in outlook, a man of the highest ideals and deepest sympathy, keen and thorough as a scholar, cultured and refined as a gentleman, of marked ability as an executive, successful in the administrative work of the Ministerium, a most forceful debater on its floor, a lover of its history and life, who gave to it his whole devotion and service."

JOHN A. W. HAAS, *President.*

II. New York Ministerium

The New York Ministerium held two regular meetings since the last Convention of the General Council, both in New York City. The Synod in June, 1915, numbers 159 ministers, 162 congregations and preaching stations, 29,905 contributing members. The current expenses of congregations amounted to \$365,826.16, \$59,101.73 were expended for benevolence.

The Ministerium lost four pastors by death in the biennium, among them its last president, the Rev. C. G. Fischer. The last year was a period of very numerous and important pastoral changes. The educational work of the Synod in Wagner College received considerable attention. The Rev. H. C. Kraeling, for ten years Director of the institution, resigned last year, and the Rev. J. A. W. Kirsch was elected in his place. This fall a new professorship of the physical sciences is to be added. By an arrangement with the Directors of the Mt. Airy Seminary the Ministerium acquired a dwelling on the Seminary grounds for its German professor. The question of a salaried president was brought up, and referred to a committee, which reported last year, but so far no definite action has been taken. On request of St. Luke's congregation, Brooklyn, the question of a reunion with the New York and New England Synod was considered, and a committee appointed to confer with a similar committee of said Synod. Up to this time no action has resulted, though the Committee was continued. The system of missionary activity was changed, in so far as, instead of each conference taking the initiative in beginning mission work, a general mission committee, on which each conference is represented, was elected, in order that the work may be done and the pecuniary assistance regulated according to a general plan. The outbreak of the European war deeply affected the congregations of the Ministerium, and large sums went to the relief of the stricken.

GEORGE C. F. HAAS, *President*.

III. The Pittsburgh Synod

The Pittsburgh Synod held two regular conventions during the biennium, at Johnstown, Pa., June 11-16, 1914, and at Ridgway, Pa., June 3-7, 1915.

During the biennium five ministers of the Synod fell on sleep, Revs. John A. Kribbs, known among us as the "Father of our Orphans," W. O. Wilson, Hugo R. Erdman, Alonzo L. Yount, D.D., and J. H. A. Kitzmiller. All of these men were loyal to and greatly interested in the work of the General Council. Several were regular attendants at the General Council Conventions.

Two persons from our Synod heeded the call of the Master to enter the Foreign Mission Field in India, Prof. Hiram Sipes, a graduate of Thiel College, and Miss Virginia Boyer, a teacher in our Orphans' School at Zelienople. Mr. Sipes is the first layman of the General Council sent to India. The laymen of the Synod are supporting Mr. Sipes, and the Women's Missionary Society are undertaking to support Miss Boyer.

The 44 mission congregations of Synod have been officially transferred to the General Council Board of English Home Missions, and the Rev. C. A. Dennig, of Tarentum, Pa., has been called to become the Field Missionary of Pittsburgh and the Synod.

The Women's Missionary Society has undertaken special Inner Mission Work in the Spring Garden Valley, N. S., Pittsburgh, Penna., and are pushing the work with a great deal of faith and zeal.

The Educational work of Thiel College has been enlarged and a healthy increase in the number of students is manifest. The Summer School for Church Workers has attracted many students from the various synods of western Penna., eastern New York, and western Ohio.

Two of our ministers have been especially honored in the field of education: the Rev. Prof. Elmer F. Krauss, D.D., has been elevated to the Presidency of the Lutheran Theological Seminary, at Chicago, Ill., and the Rev. Prof. C. T. Benze, D.D., has been called to the chair of Old Testament Theology of the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia, Pa.

The laymen of Synod have already raised \$10,000 of the Laymen's \$25,000 Fund and are making great progress to secure the entire amount and thus liquidate the debt of Synod.

By the will of the late Joseph Kuhns of Westmoreland Co., the Chicago Seminary is bequeathed the sum of \$10,000 for building purposes.

A loyal layman of the First Lutheran Church, Pittsburgh, has offered our Old People's Home at Zelienople, Pa., the sum of \$20,000 provided the Synod raise \$30,000 by July 1, 1916. Synod has accepted the offer and the Board has called the Rev. J. L. Fischer, of Pittsburgh, who is vigorously prosecuting the work.

The Synod is about to begin an educational campaign among the Church councilmen and laymen with a view of creating a greater interest in the general work of the Church.

G. FRANKLIN GEHR, *President.*

IV. The District Synod of Ohio

The Synod held its first meeting of the biennium at Ellerton, Ohio, June 12-15, 1914, and its second at Columbus, Ohio, June 3-7, 1915.

The changes made in its clerical roll during this period are indicated by the fact that 13 new pastors were received and 10 dismissed to other bodies, a net gain of three pastors.

A decided increase in the liberality of the congregations in benevolent contributions marks these two years as the banner years in the line of church activity. This was accompanied also by an increased activity in local matters. This is seen in the following statistics: New churches dedicated, 4; churches renovated and remodeled, 14; new parsonages, 5; missions, 12; pastors, 55; congregations, 89; parishes, 53; confirmed members, 13,939; accessions, 2,388; students for the ministry, 26; total benevolence, \$31,655.83.

A marked feature of all the conventions is the setting apart of two sessions for the discussion of theses on doctrinal and practical subjects.

The Synod is deeply interested in the founding of an institution uniting a "Home for the Aged and a Home Finding Society for Orphans." The amount of \$3,573.13 is on hand for this purpose. A number of sites for such an institution have been examined, and the project will be pushed until a satisfactory location is chosen.

The Synod is deeply interested in the Chicago Seminary and has taken the following action, which has been agreed to by the Board of Directors of the Seminary:

1. That the Synod endeavor to secure \$50,000 as its share of an Endowment Fund for the Seminary.
2. That this Fund be known as "The Endowment of the Professorship of the District Synod of Ohio."
3. That the Synod shall have the right to nominate a candidate for said professorship, subject to election by the board of the seminary. A beginning has been made already in the campaign for this fund with very encouraging results.

The Synod is deeply interested also in the subject of academic and collegiate education. It has two projects before it, viz., a proposal from the Board of Trustees of Weidner Institute to join with them in support of that institution, and a proposition to be offered by the Pittsburgh Synod to join in the support of Thiel College.

By the action of Synod at its last meeting the following items are to be laid before the General Council:

1. *Resolved*, That the delegates to the General Council are hereby instructed to request the General Council to inquire into the relations of its Mission Boards to the boards or associations of other Bodies.
2. The following proposal was referred to the General Council:

We recommend that our Synod approve the rule and custom of conducting funerals at which our pastors are called to officiate under the sole and exclusive auspices of the Church of our faith, i. e., omitting the services of other churches and of non-church societies.

The present officers of Synod are: President, Rev. H. Peters, D.D., Lewisburg, O.; secretary, Rev. H. L. Weber, New Berlin, O.; treasurer, Rev. J. M. Wenrich, Wapakoneta, O.

The next convention of Synod will be held in St. Paul's Church, of Lima, O., Rev. E. A. Trabert, pastor, June 22, 1916.

H. PETERS, *President*.

V. The Augustana Synod

During the past biennium particular stress has been laid on developing the English work, gathering endowment moneys for some of our institutions of learning, strengthening the work of the Deaconess Institute, securing the sympathies, interest and support of our people in behalf of the Ministerial Aid and Pension Fund, and building up the foreign work on the field in China.

Two English Field Secretaries are employed and will be employed in the future. This indicates that the English work is finding a lot of favor with us, and has a steady and sure growth. Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter, Minn., increased its endowment last year by \$250,000. Bethany

College, Lindsborg, Kan., is now in the midst of an endowment campaign, and intends to raise at least \$100,000. Upsala College, Kenilworth, N. J., has also added to its endowment to some extent. The same is also true of Augustana College and Theological Seminary, Rock Island, Ill., in spite of the fact that its funds total almost \$450,000. At the Deaconess Institute, Omaha, Neb., a motherhouse is to be erected as soon as the necessary funds can be had. The Synod has authorized the Board of said institution to proceed to the gathering of funds and to build as soon as possible. At the last meeting of Synod it was resolved to raise the sum of half a million dollars for the Ministerial Aid and Pension Fund within the next five years. A soliciting committee of one hundred laymen is to be appointed, and it is thought that this committee will not find it a hard task to secure what is needed. The members of said fund are also to contribute each the sum of \$200, to be paid in annual installments, if so desired, during the next five years. The object of this move is to strengthen the fund to such an extent that a minister can be retired on a pension of \$500 per year when he reaches the age of sixty-five years. On the field in China we have ten ministerial missionaries, two medical missionaries, two lay missionaries, thirteen missionaries' wives and five women missionaries. We employ also seventeen native evangelists, four Bible women, seven medical assistants and sixteen who are busy with miscellaneous work. Baptized members, 161. In the Sunday-schools are 30 children and in the day schools 84. From the founding of this work, 1905. up to the present time, the cost has been \$136,859.40.

In the summer of 1914 the newly-elected Archbishop of Sweden invited the Augustana Synod to send a representative to Sweden for the purpose of assisting at the consecration exercises to be held at Upsala on November 9, 1914. The invitation was accepted and the president of Synod appointed Rev. Dr. L. G. Abrahamson, editor of "Augustana," to represent the Synod on that festive occasion. Next year being the 100th anniversary of the birth of Dr. T. N. Hasselquist, one of the founders of the Synod, arrangements have been made to celebrate this event in a proper manner. Committees are also at work making provision for a general and befitting celebration of the 400th anniversary of the Reformation.

The Synod has 1,203 congregations, upwards of 360 of which are more or less under the care of some Mission Board, 691 ministers, 184,000 communicant members, and a baptized membership of 273,000. During the biennium 22,722 were baptized, 311 of whom were adults and 12,990 belonged to parents not members of the Church, 16,626 were confirmed, 18,071 were received by letter and on profession of faith, 13,015 were dropped. In the parochial schools for last year were 18,000 children and 78,000 scholars in the Sunday-schools.

The receipts for the biennium were as follows: Home missions, \$181,000; foreign missions, \$93,978; immigrant missions, \$7,124; church extension, \$2,495; higher education, \$191,047; orphans' homes, \$62,971; hospital work, \$32,642; deaconess work, \$17,487; ministerial aid and pension fund,

\$35,115; benevolence, \$73,934. The congregations paid out in salaries \$1,536,846, and the entire expenditures of the congregations for all purposes for the biennium were \$4,372,109.

The last two meetings of Synod have been held in our church at Sycamore, Ill., Rev. A. Okerstrom, pastor, and in the Augustana Church, Minneapolis, Minn, Rev. Dr. C. J. Petri, pastor. The officers are: President, Rev. L. A. Johnston, D.D., St. Paul, Minn; vice-president, Rev. G. A. Brandelle, D.D., Denver, Colo.; secretary, Rev. Jos. A. Anderson, Boxholm, Ia.; treasurer, Mr. K. T. Anderson, Rock Island, Ill.

G. A. BRANDELLE, *Vice President.*

VI. The Canada Synod

The two annual conventions of the Canada Synod (the 53rd and 54th) during the past biennium were held in St. Peter's Church, Elmwood, Ont., and in St. Matthew's Church, Berlin, Ont., respectively, the latter being the largest and handsomest Lutheran church in Canada, having been completed and dedicated only a few months before the Synod's meeting. Both conventions gave proof of the healthy state of our Lutheran cause in Canada, although conditions created by the war had a depressing effect upon some of our activities during the last year. The fact that Canada is in a state of war with Germany very naturally involved a great deal of annoyance and caused many perplexing situations for our German work. Nevertheless, it has not suffered very seriously so far.

The keenest interest at both meetings centered around the seminary cause, which has made most encouraging progress during these past two years. The erection of a new dormitory to cost \$30,000 was decided at the meeting of 1914. Soon afterwards building operations were started, and in two to three months the quite imposing and in every respect modern edifice is expected to be ready for occupancy. A professors' dwelling is also in the course of erection at the present time. A president of the institution has been called in the person of the Rev. P. A. Laury, of Perkasie, Pa., recently honored by Muhlenberg College with the degree of D.D. He is the Dean of the Faculty, which has so far consisted of two professors and five instructors. Twelve regular students were enrolled during the past year; two graduated in May this year, both serving missions of the German Canada Synod in eastern Ontario, one more having graduated in 1914, now in charge of one of the oldest parishes of the Lutheran Church in Canada, in connection with the English Synod of Central Canada. A very important step was taken in so far that a full-course college curriculum, prepared and submitted by Prof. Laury, was agreed upon. While college work has been done at Waterloo right along in conjunction with the seminary course since the very beginning of the institution, it will henceforth be carried on in a more regular and systematic way according to the approved plans of other recognized colleges of our Church, altogether separate from the seminary course and by special teachers. Prospects for an increased number of students both for the college and semi-

nary departments are very bright. The management by a joint Board (German and English Canada Synods) has continued to be very harmonious.

The latest minutes disclose the following statistical information: Ministers, 44; congregations and preaching stations, 84; communicant members, 14,050; voting members, 5,003; souls, 23,118; parochial (Saturday) schools, 37, with 23 teachers (the pastors) and 991 scholars; Sunday-schools, 65, with 606 teachers and 4,713 scholars; baptisms (during two years), 1,315; adult baptisms (during two years), 66; confirmations (during two years), 1,049; deaths (during two years), 587; marriages (during two years), 568; members of women's societies, 1,859; in Y. P. societies, 1,354.

During the biennium Synod has contributed for home mission, \$6,882; for foreign missions, \$2,602; for orphans, \$872; for invalid ministers' fund, \$1,178; for emigrant, Slav and Jewish missions, \$542; for Waterloo Seminary, Kropp, and other benevolent purposes, mostly inner mission and educational, \$15,096; for congregational purposes, approximately, \$150,000. The Invalid Ministers' Fund amounts to \$13,000. The Synod at present supports six mission fields in the provinces of Ontario and Quebec, with twenty congregations and preaching stations. For reasons created by the war Synod was not allowed to contribute its apportioned share to the support of Kropp Seminary during the past year. For similar reasons the projected immigrant mission work in Canadian harbors could not be undertaken so far.

The Laymen's Movement received due consideration and proved particularly helpful in the different activities towards the promoting of the seminary cause. The apportionment system was introduced for general use in the Synod at its last meeting.

The officers of the Synod are: President, Rev. E. Hoffmann, D.D., 213 Carlton St., Toronto, Ont.; vice-president, Rev. J. Strempler, Elmira, Ont.; secretary, Rev. H. Henkel, Walkerton, Ont.; treasurer, Rev. E. Holm, Wellesley, Ont. The next annual meeting will be held at Elmira, Ont., beginning Wednesday after Pentecost, 1916.

E. HOFFMANN, *President*.

VII. The Chicago Synod.

The 1914 meeting of Synod was held in St. James' Church, Vandalia, Ill. In 1915 the Synod was royally entertained by the Chicago Seminary and had one of the most pleasant meetings in its history. The members of Synod went away with an increased appreciation of the professors and equipment of our Seminary.

Jan. 6, 1915, our Synod lost from its membership by death one of the most illustrious men of our Church, the Rev. Dr. R. F. Weidner. Although he has gone to his reward his influence still lives and works through his books and students.

During the biennium a Committee of pastors and laymen has been active in getting our laymen to work, and in assisting congregations in introducing the duplex envelope system with good success.

There has been a notable increase of interest in education. Weidner Institute has had a larger number of students and is doing more advanced work. Plans have been made and are being carried out for more teachers.

The growth and progress of the Chicago Seminary, which is located on our territory, are gratifying. Synod is co-operating in a campaign for the seminary's endowment. With its new president and enlarged faculty the Seminary will appeal still more strongly to our Synod.

Another cause for congratulation is the work of Synod in helping educate young men for the ministry. A number equal to one-fourth of the active ministry are being aided. In addition to these a number of others are preparing for the sacred office. Synod is looking forward to the time when it may have more pastors from its own territory.

There is a general desire throughout the Synod for some plan that will provide for more efficient oversight and promote a deeper synodical consciousness.

The Women's Missionary Society has held two conventions in the biennium and has received \$1,701.54. This organization is to be commended for its good work in increasing interest in missions.

The city congregations have had a satisfactory growth. Many of the country churches are experiencing the problems of the country church.

Statistics: Pastors, 46; parishes, 40; congregations, 63; communicants, 8,284; property value, \$626,100; beneficence reported for two years, \$26,394.79; Sunday-schools, 55; officers, teachers and scholars, 6,425.

Officers: President, Rev. C. L. Warstler, Whitestown, Ind.; Secretary, Rev. W. J. Seiberling, Mulberry, Ind.; Treasurer, Mr. H. A. Stone, Vandalia, Ill.

The next meeting will convene June 15, 1916, in Detroit, Mich., and will be held in St. Paul's and Christ's Ev. Lutheran Churches.

C. L. WARSTLER, *President*.

VIII. The English Synod of the Northwest

During the biennium the Synod of the Northwest has held two regular conventions, the twenty-fourth at the Church of the Atonement, Racine, Wis., June 9-12, 1914, and the twenty-fifth at St. John's, Minneapolis, Minn., June 1-4, 1915. A special meeting of Synod, for the first time in its history, was held at the Church of the Epiphany, Milwaukee, Wis., October 6, 1914.

From the printed minutes of the two conventions we gather the following facts: Number of pastors, 35; congregations, 44; church buildings, 37; parsonages, 6; baptized membership, 18,556; valuation of property, \$693,635; total benevolence, \$21,042.66; Sunday-schools, 39; scholars, 7,886. We have received eleven pastors and dismissed to other Synods five.

Synod is a missionary body. It covers a territory more than equal to an empire. The General Council Home Mission Board has granted us one Field Missionary for each of the following states: Wisconsin, Minnesota, North Dakota, Montana, and also Western Canada. Five parishes have been organized during the biennium. Synod has pledged itself to an every-member canvass and to pay its apportionment to Home Missions in full, even though the treasurer of Synod should need to borrow the money.

Synod takes a live interest in educational matters. It is very anxious to strengthen the Chicago Seminary and to establish, if possible, jointly with the Chicago Synod and District Synod of Ohio a college at or near Maywood, Ill. An authorized Commission is working on the realization of this project.

During the biennium the following churches have been dedicated: Lake Park, Milwaukee; First English Lutheran, Winnipeg; Church of the Reformation, St. Paul; Holy Trinity, Marshall, Wis.; Church of the Resurrection, Milwaukee, and Luther Memorial Chapel, Madison, Wis.

In last year's report of the president the following is reported in recognition of the twenty-fifth anniversary of English Lutheranism in Wisconsin:

"One of the most memorable and far-reaching anniversaries ever held by our English Lutheran Church was the celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of English Lutheranism in Wisconsin, October 9, 1914, in the banquet room of the Auditorium, Milwaukee. Over 600 prominent English Lutherans, men and women, sat down to a festive board and afterwards listened to prominent speakers narrating the herculean task of establishing the many strategic centers of the Church in Wisconsin."

Present officers of Synod are: The Rev. Anthony F. Elmquist, Ph.D., Minneapolis, Minn., president; the Rev. G. Keller Rubrecht, Milwaukee, Wis., secretary; Mr. J. K. Jensen, Janesville, Wis., treasurer.

ANTHONY F. ELMQUIST, *President.*

IX. The Manitoba Synod

Since the last meeting of the General Council the Synod has held but one convention, the Synod convening every two years. This was held in Trinity Church at Saskatoon, Sask., the Rev. F. W. Klein, pastor, July 8-12, 1915.

At present Synod shows the following statistics: Ministers, 30; congregations, 52, besides 10 preaching stations; baptized membership, 8,120; confirmed membership, 4,980; week-day schools, 32; scholars, 1,100; Sunday-schools, 34; scholars, 1,300; value of property, \$154,725.

During the biennium Synod has contributed to home missions \$1,366.40; foreign missions, \$723.65; Ministerial Aid Fund, \$699.35; education (college), about \$6,000; other benevolent purposes, \$1,000; congregational expenses, \$44,405.00.

Two of our congregations, Trinity at Winnipeg and St. Paul's, Langen-

berg, Sask., celebrated the 25th anniversary of their organizations. It may be noted that the organization of these, the first Lutheran congregations in the Canadian Northwest, was also the beginning of the General Council mission in Northwestern Canada.

During the convention of Synod most of the time was taken up in discussing the status of the college. This institution has at last found a permanent location. A college building, at the preliminary cost of about \$7,000, has been erected at Saskatoon, Sask. The dedication of the same took place in connection with the Synod's convention on July 12, 1915. To have the building completed we need another \$4,000, besides having to pay a debt of \$2,500 that rests on the building as it is at present.

Otherwise no marked progress is to be noted. Peculiar conditions, mostly due to lack of men and means, required us to give attention to the missions already established rather than to undertake the establishing of new ones.

The present officers of Synod are: The Rev. J. Goos, Saskatoon, Sask., president; the Rev. Th. Hartig, Edmonton, Alta., secretary; the Rev. R. H. Karstens, Saskatoon, Sask., treasurer. The next convention of Synod will be held in Langenberg, Sask., in 1917.

J. Goos, *President*.

X. The Pacific Synod

The Pacific Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church held two conventions in the biennium, one in Bellingham, Wash., June 17-21, Rev. F. W. Bussard, pastor, and the last in San Jose, Cal., July 21-25, Rev. Emil Meyer, pastor. The present officers are: President, Rev. M. E. Boulton, The Dalles, Ore.; secretary, Rev. Emil Meyer, San Jose, Cal.; treasurer, Mr. F. H. Pageler, Portland, Ore.

The Synod has made considerable progress, notwithstanding the difficulties resulting from financial conditions. The European war has had more than an indirect influence on our missionary work in British Columbia, and our missions in Victoria and Vancouver, B. C., have suffered from removal of many families.

Our seminary in Seattle has completed its first year in its new location. Several new students have been enrolled. Rev. F. W. Bussard, of Bellingham, accepted a call as financial agent of the seminary last November. He has succeeded in getting a subscription of about \$9,000 to the seminary site fund. Rev. Theophilus Schoenberg, the traveling missionary of the General Council Home Board on our territory, has organized three congregations recently, namely, North Yakima, Wash.; Ballard, Wash., and Nehalem, Ore. Holy Trinity, Everett, Wash., was also received into our synod at the last convention.

The Synod is heartily co-operating with the General Council Home Mission Board in endeavoring to widen the scope of missionary operations on the territory of our Synod.

MERRELL E. BOULTON, *President*.

XI. The Synod of New York and New England.

The New York and New England Synod comprises 55 congregations and 62 pastors. Two new congregations were added. All the congregations in the synod, except one, are in cities or towns. The membership is 18,869; value of property \$2,237,441.10; expenses for maintenance and progress, \$326,804.52; and benevolence \$33,762.04. There are 1,425 officers and teachers in the Sunday-schools of the synod, and 14,502 scholars. Fourteen young men from her congregations are studying for the ministry.

During the two years great strides have been made in the Home Mission field; and work has been done among the great numbers of unchurched Lutherans in the cities and their suburbs. A spirit of co-operation with other synods of the General Council and the General Synod has been maintained, and is being developed; and the community side of Home Missions has been kept clearly in mind. The synod has made an apportionment for Home Missions among its congregations for the coming year.

It has grappled successfully with the University problem. In 1914 its Student Pastor, Rev. S. G. Trexler, resigned to take charge of a congregation, and the work was put temporarily in the hands of local pastors. The results have been inspiring. At Harvard the Lutheran students have established a new Lutheran congregation in the very finest section of Cambridge, at which 136 have been present at a service. This church now wants a pastor.

At Cornell four students were confirmed; and a student movement has begun looking towards the establishment of a Lutheran church at Ithaca, and quarters for the Lutheran Student Organization.

The Synod of New York (G. S.) requested the privilege of co-operating in this work. Temporarily, it has had charge of the work at Yale and Syracuse, and a plan has been proposed and adopted for the further joint prosecution of this work.

A request came from officials of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania for work at Princeton.

A joint committee has been appointed and continued by both synods to consider the matter of union with the New York Ministerium and recommend. Some progress has been made.

The synod has proposed to raise \$50,000 for Muhlenberg College and the Seminary at Philadelphia, Pa., to be raised by Oct. 31, 1915.

A fund for the care of disabled ministers has been created by the synod.

The synod requests of the General Council that it interpret the qualifications of voters under Article IV, Section 1, of its Model Constitution, there being no provision for communicant members.

The officers of the synod are Rev. William M. Horn, of New York, President; Rev. Henry C. Erbes, of Rochester, N. Y., Secretary; Mr. Fred J. Walter, of Kingston, N. Y., Treasurer.

WILLIAM M. HORN, *President.*

XII. The Synod of Nova Scotia.

During the past biennium this Synod has held two conventions, the twelfth, June 25-27, 1914, in Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church, First South, N. S., the Rev. W. M. Weaver, pastor, and the thirteenth, June 25-27, 1915, in St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Mahone Bay, N. S., the Rev. W. J. Nelson, pastor.

The following statistics taken from the printed minutes indicate the work and growth of this body: Number of congregations, 28; number of clerical members, 7; number of communicant members, 2,918; number of Sunday-schools, 22, including 208 officers and teachers, and 1,505 scholars. Money contributed during the biennium: Synodical treasury, \$987.28; benevolence, \$3,971.03; local expenses, \$11,156.06; value of church properties, \$104,279.00.

In compliance with the unification plan of the General Council English Home Mission Board our work in Halifax has taken shape, and under the leadership of Field Missionary, the Rev. M. J. Bieber, a strong and vigorous congregation has been organized.

There has been an awakening in various activities of the work of this body that speaks well for the future. The missionary spirit is especially marked, and efforts have been put forth to utilize all these forces for the Master's kingdom. At the last convention an increased apportionment of 30 per cent. was laid for benevolent offerings.

During the biennium commendable progress has been made in advancing pastors' salaries. Every parish in the Synod has given an increase from \$100.00 to \$200.00.

The Bethany Orphans' Home, located in Bridgewater, has carried on its mission of mercy with faithfulness and success. The "Nova Scotia Lutheran," the official organ of our Synod, is growing in strength and usefulness, and during its eight years of existence has not called on Synod for support.

It is noteworthy that during the present year a Provincial Luther League was organized with a strong following.

The officers of the Synod are: President, the Rev. Geo. B. Pifer, Bridgewater; Secretary, the Rev. E. V. Nonamaker, Wentzell's Lake; Treasurer, the Rev. D. K. Fetterly, Rose Bay.

GEO. B. PIFER, *President.*

XIII. Synod of Central Canada

Two meetings have been held since the last Convention of the General Council; one at Berlin, Ont., the Rev. H. J. Behrens, pastor, June 21-24; the other at Morrisburg, Ont., the Rev. C. H. Little, D.D., pastor, June 6-7, 1915.

The statistics are as follows: Pastors, 8; congregations, 16; Sunday-school officers and teachers, 150; scholars, 1,343; men's organizations, 6; members, 105; Women's Home and Foreign Mission Societies, 18; members, 387; Luther Leagues, 12; members, 408; Junior Societies, 5; mem-

bers, 117; value of property, \$167,130.00; contributions (2 years), \$48,697,-50; for benevolence (2 years), \$7,846.27; average contribution per member, \$13.34; total membership of the synod, baptized, 1,883; confirmed, 1,781; communed, 1,095.

One new congregations, St. Matthew's, Welland, Ont., has been added.

The work of the Synod was greatly hampered during the year on account of the frequent changes of pastors. There are at present six vacancies. The new Theological Seminary at Waterloo has been of help in supplying the vacant pulpits with its students. In appreciation of this the Synod is raising the sum of \$10,000.00 for the institution during the coming synodical year. Rev. P. A. Laury, D.D., is at the head of the institution, and under his direction a curriculum for a full college course with the recognized B.A. degree has been prepared and preliminary steps taken for the establishment of a Canadian Lutheran College.

Officers: Pres., Rev. J. Maurer, Williamsburg, Ont.; Secretary, Rev. N. Willison, Unionville, Ont.; Treasurer, Mr. C. H. Fierheller, 4 Howard St., Toronto, Ont.

JACOB MAURER, *President.*

XIV. The Old German Synod of Texas

The last three years have been very trying for our Synod. "To be or not to be" was the question uppermost in the minds of the members. The desire to join the General Council found definite, though unofficial, expression in the issuance of a call by the Victoria congregation to a student from the Mt. Airy Seminary. At the Synod near Taylor, 1915, the outstanding feature was the absolutely unanimous decision to join the General Council. We are 8 ministers; 15 congregations; one conference; 1,577 confirmed members; receipts for local purposes during the last year, \$5,000; for missions and benevolence, \$400; property about \$40,000. Next meeting, Jubilate Sunday, 1916, place not decided upon.

Officers: Rev. W. C. Wolfsdorff, Yoakum, President; Rev. K. Kern, Schulenberg, Secretary; Rev. G. Walter, Weesatshe, Treasurer.

W. C. WOLFSORFF, *President.*

On motion, it was

Resolved, That permission be granted to the Pittsburgh, Chicago, Nova Scotia and Central Canada Synods to send their Abstracts to the Secretary.

On motion it was

Resolved, That the Abstracts be received, spread upon the Minutes and referred, with the printed minutes of the Synods, to the Committee on the Minutes of Synods.

Committee: The Revs. E. P. Pihlblad, D.D., E. P. Olson, D.D., T. W. Kretschmann, Ph.D., W. L. Stough, P. G. Sieger, R. D. Roeder, P. O. Fair, A. Bergin, Ph.D., Erland Anderson, and Messrs. J. A. Helsing, John Erickson, August Greulich, D. Dillman, M.D., and J. H. Axline, M.D.

In the Tuesday morning Session Rev. Dr. Pihlblad presented the

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SYNODICAL MINUTES AND ABSTRACTS

Your Committee, to which were referred the Minutes of the District Synods for the past biennium, begs leave to report that it has examined all the minutes submitted by District Synods, and would bring to the attention of the General Council the following items of information and recommendation.

I. INFORMATION.

1. EDUCATIONAL.

Pennsylvania. a. The Philadelphia Theological Seminary celebrated its fiftieth anniversary last year. -

b. The chair of religion has been established in Muhlenberg College by the Synod. A new building for the Preparatory School is well on toward completion.

c. The Synod has directed the attention of the Church Councils to the Christian Kindergarten and its efficiency as a missionary agency.

New York. Wagner College has thoroughly revised its course of study, and the Rev. J. A. W. Kirsch has been elected Director of the Institution.

Ohio. a. The Ohio Synod has arranged for a more active participation in the work of the Chicago Seminary through an effort to raise \$50,000.00 towards the endowment of the Professorship of the District Synod of Ohio.

b. The Ohio Synod is planning for Synodical affiliation with a College, considering either the Weidner Institute in connection with the Chicago Synod and the Synod of the Northwest, or Thiel College in connection with the Pittsburgh Synod.

Augustana. a. A \$200,000.00 fund is in process of collection for Bethany College, Lindsborg, Kans.

b. Subscriptions are being received for a building at Minnesota College.

Canada. The Canada Synod is much interested in the progress of the Seminary at Waterloo, Ont., where recently the Rev. Preston A. Laury, D.D., has been elected President, and in which work there is harmony and co-operation between the German and the English of Canada. A college curriculum has recently been introduced in connection with the work of the Seminary.

Central Canada. This Synod shows most encouraging progress during the biennium in the establishment of the Theological Seminary at Waterloo. A new dormitory is in course of erection at a cost of \$30,000.00; also a Professor's house. The teaching force of the Seminary, to which a full course college curriculum has been added, consists of two professors and five instructors. Twelve students are enrolled.

Chicago. a. This Synod calls attention to the death of the Rev. R. F. Weidner, D.D., President of the Chicago Theological Seminary, Jan. 6, 1915. The Rev. Elmer F. Krauss, D.D., has been called as successor.

b. Weidner Institute at Mulberry, Indiana, reports the largest number of students in its history. And the enlargement of its curriculum from a two to a four years' Academic Course.

c. The Synod has taken definite steps in directing its congregations to co-operate in a campaign for a larger endowment for its Theological Seminary and is meeting with gratifying success. Students to the number of one-fourth the number of the active clerical members on the roll are receiving beneficiary aid in pursuing their Theological Studies.

Manitoba. A College building, at a preliminary cost of \$7,000.00, has been erected at Saskatoon, Sask.

Pacific. The Synod has subscribed \$9,000.00 towards the Seminary at Seattle.

New York and New England. a. The Synod has fourteen young men studying for the Ministry.

b. This Synod has proposed to raise \$50,000.00 for Muhlenberg College and the Philadelphia Seminary by Oct. 31, 1915.

2. MISSIONARY.

Pennsylvania. An extensive and extending Inner Mission work is being done by this Synod in and about the City of Philadelphia. The missionaries conduct work in twenty-two different institutions; also among seamen and immigrants. A missionary is at work in the Pennsylvania Institution for the Deaf and Dumb.

Pittsburgh. a. The Synod has transferred its English Missions to the General Council Home Mission Board.

b. Two missionaries have the past two years offered themselves for the Foreign Mission Work in India. Prof. Hiram L. Sipes, a graduate of Thiel College of the class of 1913, and the first layman to enter our General Council field in India; and Miss Virginia Boyer who is to be commissioned at this Convention.

Augustana. During the biennium this Synod expended \$62,277.38 for Foreign Missions and sent sixteen missionaries to China.

Chicago. The Woman's Missionary Society of this Synod has fostered the work of its organization with great vigor the past two years.

Nova Scotia. Under the unification plan of the General Council Home Mission Board a vigorous congregation has been organized in Halifax.

3. BENEVOLENCE.

Pennsylvania. a. During the two years there has been a fifty-three per cent. increase in Benevolent contributions.

b. A bequest of \$35,613.72 was received, the income from which is to be used for Home Missions and for preparing young men for the Ministry.

New York. The Congregations of the New York Ministerium have been deeply affected by the European war and have sent large sums for the relief of the stricken.

Pittsburgh. a. One of the Synod's consecrated laymen has offered \$20,000.00 to its Old People's Home at Zelienople, provided the Synod will raise \$30,000.00. The Synod has accepted the offer.

b. The laymen of the Synod have resolved to raise \$1,500.00 for the support of Prof. Hiram L. Sipes, of India.

Ohio. a. The Synod notes a decided increase in the liberality of its congregations, one-half of which are on the honor roll of paid-up apportionments, and more than one-fifth have overpaid.

b. Progress is reported in the establishing of a "Home for the Aged" and a "Home-Finding Society for Orphans."

c. In one of the congregations, some young men rendered financial support to a fellow member who is preparing himself for the work of the Ministry.

Augustana. A new building is to be erected at the Deaconess Home at Omaha, also a Hospital at Kansas City, and another at Moline, Ill., has been established.

Canada. In 1915 this Synod introduced the apportionment system.

New York and New England. The average benevolent contribution in this Synod has been nearly \$2.00 a member. A fund has been created for disabled ministers.

Nova Scotia. An increase of 30 per cent. in the apportionment for benevolent purposes is reported.

4. MISCELLANEOUS.

Pennsylvania. a. Congregations are urged to work toward a salary of not less than \$1,000.00 per annum for their pastors.

b. The salaried presidency proposed by the laymen last year and adopted by the Synod this year is to go into effect next year.

Pittsburgh. a. The Synod petitions the General Council to prepare and publish programs for use at the meetings of Men's Organizations in our congregations.

Your committee would recommend that a committee be appointed to prepare such programs for publication.

b. The Synod has instructed the delegates to report on the General Council position concerning a movement known as "A Federation of Lutheran Churches in United States of America."

Ohio. This Synod asks that the General Council inquire into the relation of the Mission Boards of the General Council to the Boards or Associations of other Bodies.

Augustana. a. At the last meeting of the Synod it was decided to raise \$500,000.00 for the Ministerial Aid and Pension Fund. Each member is also to contribute \$200.00 toward this fund. The aim is to provide a pension of \$500.00 a year for each member of the Synod when he is sixty-five years of age.

b. On the invitation of the Archbishop of Sweden, Dr. N. Soderblom, Dr. L. G. Abrahamson was delegated by the President of the Synod to represent said Synod at the Archepiscopal Consecration at Upsala, Nov. 9, 1914.

c. Next year the Synod plans to celebrate the one hundredth anniversary of the birth of Dr. T. N. Hasselquist.

New York and New England. a. The Synod has successfully grappled with the University problem by having a University student pastor. The results of his labors have been inspiring. At Harvard the Lutheran students have established a new congregation, and at Cornell four students were confirmed and a student movement has been begun looking to the establishment of a Church. Work also has been done at Yale and Syracuse.

b. The Synod asks the General Council to interpret the qualification of voters under Article 4, Section 1, of its model constitution, there being no provision for communicant members.

Your Committee recommends that this item be referred to the Executive Committee.

Nova Scotia. a. A provincial Luther League with a strong following has been organized in this Synod.

b. Pastors' salaries in all of the congregations of the Synod have been materially increased.

Your Committee would report that the following copies of the Minutes of Synods were wanting to the Committee: New York Ministerium 1915, Canada 1914, Manitoba 1914, 1915, Pacific 1915, Nova Scotia 1915, Central Canada 1915, also the abstract from Central Canada.

II. RECOMMENDATION.

Your Committee will recommend that the Secretaries of the Synods be again requested to send annually a copy of the Minutes of the Synod promptly to the Secretary of the General Council.

ERNST F. PIHLBLAD, *Chairman.*

W. L. STOUGH, *Secretary.*

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Ritter, it was

Resolved, That a Special Committee be appointed to prepare literature for Men's Organizations.

On motion,

Resolved, That the request for an interpretation as to qualification of voters be referred to the Executive Committee.

The Report on Abstracts was then adopted as a whole.

BOARD RELATIONS TO NON-LUTHERAN BODIES

With reference to the Ohio Synod's request for a pronouncement on the relation of General Council Mission Boards to outside Boards and Associations, it was, on motion of Dr. C. M. Jacobs,

Resolved, That the whole matter be referred to a Committee to report at the next General Council Convention.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Schmauk, it was

Resolved, That, until this Committee offer a final report to the Council, we request all Boards to refrain from such co-operation with non-Lutheran bodies as will in any wise conflict with the Fundamental Principles of the General Council.

Unanimously adopted.

On motion of the Rev. G. F. Gehr, it was

Resolved, That a Committee be elected to examine the relation of the Boards of the General Council to other than Lutheran bodies, and that the President appoint a committee to nominate the same.

Committee: The Revs. Dr. F. Jacobson, Dr. H. W. Roth, and G. F. Gehr.

The Committee nominated and the Council elected as the

Committee to Examine Board Relations to Non-Lutheran Bodies: The Revs. Dr. H. E. Jacobs, Dr. G. A. Brandelle, Dr. J. Stump, Dr. H. W. Roth, Dr. E. F. Pihlblad, F. E. Cooper, and Wm. Horn.

OFFICIAL VISITORS ANNOUNCED

The presence of the Rev. Prof. L. H. Larimer, D.D., representing the General Synod, and the Rev. W. C. Wolfsdorf, representing the German Texas Synod, having been announced, and their credentials having been handed to the President, they were granted the privileges of the floor and informed that the hearing of Official Visitors had been made a Special Order of Business for Saturday afternoon.

Mr. A. G. Anderson submitted, in print, the

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL

Andrew G. Anderson, Treasurer, in account with the General Expense Fund of the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America, since 1913 Audit.

Debit

Balance at last audit, 1913	\$4,258 18
Collection at meeting of G. C. in Toledo	45 00
Synod of Central Canada	40 35
Augustana Synod	1,040 00
Ministerium of Pennsylvania	2,240 00
Pittsburgh Synod	916 00
District Synod of Ohio	400 00
Synod of Canada	128 00
Nova Scotia Synod	32 00
New York and New England Synod	486 80
Ministerium of New York	250 00
Synod of the Northwest	100 00
Refund by Dr. E. F. Bachmann	17 00
Interest from Nov. 13, 1913, to June 1, 1915.....	264 86
	\$10,218 19

Credit

Secretary's Salary	\$200 00
Expense transcribing Minutes	60 00
Secretary's Account	125 00
Expense Special Commission, Dr. E. F. Bachmann.....	125 00
Dues Allgemeine Konferenz	50 00
Expense of Delegates to General Council, voted by General Council	245 00
Expense of Delegates to other bodies	66 00
Telegram	40
Board of Education	500 00
The Inner Mission Conference	20 00
Committee on Lay Workers	2 97
Committee on Quadricentennial Celebration	106 25
Expense Meeting of Presidents of Synods	79 77
Printing and mailing 1913 Minutes	941 19
Printing of 1913 Bulletin	421 72
Printing Report of Inner Mission Work	215 42
Rev. J. H. Streng, for clerical work and special correspondence	25 00
	\$3,183 72
Balance on hand	7,034 47

Respectfully submitted, \$10,218 19

Rock Island, Ill.
August 24, 1915.

ANDREW G. ANDERSON, *Treasurer.*

The Report was accepted and referred to the following Committee to Audit the Treasurer's Report: Hon. F. M. Riter and Mr. C. Hallberg.

The auditors at the Monday Afternoon Session reported the accounts correct, and the Treasurer's Report was adopted.

We, the undersigned, being a Committee appointed to audit the accounts of the Treasurer of the General Council, beg leave to report that we have examined the same, and find them correct.

C. HALLBERG,
FRANK M. RITER.

Rock Island, Ill., Sept. 13, 1915.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the General Council extend hearty sympathy to its Treasurer, Mr. Andrew G. Anderson, who has passed through trying physical experiences recently, and thanks Almighty God that the life of His servant has been graciously spared.

General Secretary Drach presented the

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS

PART I.

INTRODUCTION

To the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America.

DEAR BRETHREN:—There is every reason to believe that the Church is taking a deeper and more wide-spread interest in the great effort of carrying out our Lord's final commission. The work of foreign missions has become world-wide. Every organized body of Christians in Europe and America is ambitious to assume as large a share as possible in the present-day effort to Christianize the heathen nations. Even the great European war has not been able to quench the spirit of missions. Although it has materially retarded the active work of a number of missions, there apparently has been no decided decrease in the foreign mission interest and contributions of the churches. We are told that German soldiers in the trenches have been sending their regular foreign mission contributions to the various mission societies of Germany.

The synods of the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church have shared during the past two years in this general growth of foreign mission interest and effort. Our foreign missions, those in India and Japan which are supported by the joint effort of all the synods, and the one in China which is carried on independently by the Swedish Augustana Synod, have been more liberally supported; and the most gratifying feature of this support is the fact that it indicates not a spasmodic or impulsive activity but rather a normal and steady growth of interest, which is nourished by the consecrated determination of the churches to reach the full measure of their foreign mission responsibility.

It is also a matter of great gratification to the Board of Foreign Missions that it is able to send out to the mission in India this year a comparatively large number of women missionaries, for whom the Mission has been appealing and for whom the Church has been praying for some time. The need of workers in our Telugu Mission, however, is so great and pressing that we must not cease to send out each year both men and women to preach and teach the Gospel of salvation through Jesus Christ. In Japan, moreover, we are beginning an evangelistic work which calls for a regular supply of ordained missionaries for a number of years.

How strangely to us, yet how wisely after all, God mixes joy and sorrow in the cup of human experience! While we have reason to rejoice over the increase of our foreign mission force and of the foreign mission contributions of our Church, we mourn a threefold loss in our foreign mission work.

DEATHS

We mourn the loss of the Rev. H. E. Isaacson, D.D., who died at Rajahmundry, December 2, 1914, aged 52 years 7 months and 5 days. He

was one of our veteran missionaries, having served in our Telugu Mission twenty-one years. He was the missionary for the Samulkot District, in which he worked faithfully and well. After spending his furlough in America he returned to India in the fall of 1913, leaving his wife, two sons and four daughters at Lindsborg, Kansas, and he was in the midst of his work when he was stricken down by paralysis. Under a special arrangement with Mrs. Isaacson the Board resolved to continue her full allowance to the close of the year 1915, and after January, 1916, to pay her an annual pension and children's allowance under the Rules.

The beautiful life of one of the wives of our missionaries ended on January 9, 1915, when Mrs. Ernst Neudoerffer died at Rajahmundry of heart failure in her 39th year. Before her marriage to Rev. Ernst Neudoerffer, Dr. Julia Van der Veer served as a medical missionary, having been sent out in 1905 to be associated with Dr. Lydia Woerner.

While the Board of Foreign Missions was in session on March 4, 1915, it received a telephone message announcing the death of its president, the Rev. Prof. Edward T. Horn, D.D., LL.D., after an illness of several months, at his home on the grounds of the Theological Seminary in Mt. Airy, Philadelphia. Dr. Horn was one of God's noblemen in character and in conduct one of God's fellow-workers. He was especially interested in the great work of foreign missions and was our wise, efficient, and inspiring leader in the Church at home. He became a member of the Board in 1901, and in 1907 succeeded the Rev. Prof. Henry E. Jacobs, D.D., as President of the Board, serving in that position to the day of his death. Only those who know more intimately the difficulties of the administration of foreign missions can appreciate the wisdom, judgment, diligence, patience, devotion, and foresight, which characterized Dr. Horn's leadership. In 1911 he moved from Reading, Pa., where he had been pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church for fourteen years, to Philadelphia to occupy the chair of Ethics and the Theory and Practice of Missions in the Theological Seminary. His youngest son is one of our missionaries in Japan. Some of his last thoughts were given to the great responsibility and opportunity of the spread of the Gospel and kingdom of Christ in the non-Christian world. He reached the age of sixty-four years eight months and twenty-four days.

Appropriate resolutions on these deaths were prepared and passed both in America and in India, and at the close of this report we include a recommendation calling upon the whole General Council to express its appreciation of the Christian nobility of these lives, devoted to the service of the Saviour and Master of men. The Board postponed the election of a successor to Dr. Horn as President until it meets to reorganize after the convention of the General Council.

THE WORK OF THE BOARD

The Board has held 8 regular and 3 special meetings during the past two years, each meeting occupying a full day. Since the death of the President the General Secretary has attended to the duties of that office.

The Rev. R. C. G. Bielinski is the German Secretary, and the Rev. P. J. O. Cornell, the Swedish Secretary. Mr. James M. Snyder is still our efficient treasurer. The Board desires that, if possible, among the laymen one lawyer and one physician be selected. The Swedish District Secretary, Rev. Carl Solomonson, resigned in May, 1914, and no one has as yet been elected to succeed him. We wish to express our gratitude to Dr. S. C. Seiple as medical adviser and to E. Augustus Miller, Esq., as attorney for the Board for their gratuitous services.

I. FINANCIAL MATTERS.

Treasurer's Report.—The biennial report of the treasurer of the Board has been prepared with the usual care, and will repay closer examination. All but three of the synods increased their contributions for foreign missions. The total increase for the two years under review is \$15,053.49, or approximately \$7,527.00 a year. At another point in this report we refer to the funds which were received from Germany and America for the relief of the distress of German Missions in India, and were forwarded through our treasury.

The balance at the end of the fiscal year was needed for remittances to India and Japan during the summer months, when the income is at a low ebb. Moreover, several thousands of dollars included in this balance are being held in reserve for special purposes, notably for buildings in process of erection or in contemplation in our mission fields.

Gifts and Legacies.—The Trustees of the General Council paid into the treasury of our Board in January, 1914, the sum of \$7,148.61, and transferred the securities which they had held for the Board. The invested funds as listed by the treasurer now amount to \$14,800. Among them is a gift of \$1,000.00 from the Rev. Prof. Jacob Fry, D.D., received during the biennium and invested as a fund for the education and support of native workers; also a legacy of \$1,000.00 from Mary Wagner of Monaca, Penna., invested as an endowment fund; and the completed Wm. H. Trabert Memorial Foundation of \$500.00, the interest of which is to be used for the support of a native worker. In addition the following legacies have been received and turned into the General Fund: From Adolph Keppelmann, South Orange, N. J., the sum of \$250.00; from J. Henry Mueller, Lancaster, Penna., \$50.00; from Charlotte C. Wills, Brooklyn, N. Y., \$1,000.00; and from the John Keck estate in final settlement, but not including the proceeds of the sale of certain mineral rights, \$2,183.01. The total amount received during the two years from legacies is \$5,987.71, showing an increasing disposition to remember the Board and its work in wills and testaments.

Annuity Plan.—The advantage of giving outright before death what one desires the Board to have, instead of waiting until after death, which may involve the breaking of a will, is such a distinct advantage, especially for the donor, who thus sees his money actually doing the work intended, that others are encouraged to follow the example of Dr. Jacob Fry. Some, however, may need the income of the money which they

desire the Board eventually to have. The Board, therefore, has under consideration the introduction of a plan of annuities, or, as some prefer to call it, a plan of conditional gifts. This plan contemplates donations of sums, large or small, for investment by the Board on condition that during the life of the donor he shall receive, in regular payments, amounts equivalent to a fair rate of interest, as may be determined by mutual agreement. At the death of the donor the capital invested becomes available and is turned into the General Fund or used for some special object. A public announcement of the introduction of this plan will be made in the near future.

Missionaries Supported.—It is gratifying to note that the number of missionaries who are being individually supported by congregations and societies is increasing. The list now includes the following: Rev. C. F. Kuder supported by Holy Trinity Church, Buffalo; Rev. Edward T. Horn supported by Holy Trinity Church, Reading; Rev. Oscar V. Werner supported by St. John's Church, Allentown; Miss Agnes I. Schade by the Women's Missionary Society of the Pittsburgh Synod; Prof. Hiram H. Sipes, Jr., by the Laymen's Missionary Movement of the Pittsburgh Synod; Miss Emilie L. Weiskotten by the Women's Missionary Society of the Pennsylvania Ministerium; Dr. Betty Nilsson by the Women's Missionary Society of the Augustana Synod; Rev. Karl L. Wolters by the Luther Leagues of Buffalo; a medical missionary in the place of Dr. Amy Rohrer, as soon as one can be secured, by the Women's Missionary Society of the Church of the Reformation, Rochester, N. Y. The Junior Work Committee of the Women's Missionary Society of the General Council is arranging to assume the support of Miss Anna E. Rohrer; and Miss Elizabeth Petrich, for whom, we are happy to report, Dr. and Mrs. H. E. Jacobs have secured a free scholarship in the Medical Department of the University of Pennsylvania, is the ward of the General Council society. We have reason to hope that the Icelandic Synod, which had supported Miss Sigrid Esberhn, the Church of the Advent, New York, which supported Miss A. Tatge, and the Women's Missionary Society of the Eastern Conference of the New York and New England Synod, which had supported Dr. Lydia Woerner, will accept other assignments.

Scholarships and Native Workers Supported.—The list of boys' and girls' scholarships and of native workers supported is under constant revision, because, on the one hand, the lists of pupils in the schools in India are revised each year, and, on the other hand, new patrons in America are being continually added, while some discontinue their support. It would greatly improve this system of special contributions if patrons who desire to discontinue their support will notify the General Secretary, who has charge of the lists, and if all who desire to become supporters of scholarships or native workers will send to him their written requests for assignments. The following sums are required: Girl's scholarship, \$15.00 a year in advance; boy's scholarship, \$30.00 a year in advance; native Christian teacher, \$35.00 a year in advance;

evangelist, \$45.00; catechist, \$60.00. There is now a waiting list for girls' scholarships, but a number of boys' scholarships are open for assignment, and the list of native Christian teachers is long enough to permit of a hundred or more additional assignments. Photographs of those who are supported cannot be furnished and correspondence with them is not advisable.

Specials and Apportionments.—In a number of synods all contributions, for our foreign missions, whether for the General Fund or for special objects, are counted on the apportionments. The Board prefers it this way, because it simplifies the making of estimates for the whole work and the keeping of accounts, and it also does away with the necessity of frequent special appeals.

II. MISSIONARIES ON FURLOUGH.

As many as nine of our missionaries have been on furlough or sick-leave in America during the past two years. Some have already returned, others are on their way back to India, and still others have no longer any active relation to the Board and Mission.

Those who have returned are the Rev. C. F. Kuder, who with his wife and three youngest children reached Rajahmundry on December 26, 1914, and resumed charge of the Boys' Central School with special reference to the establishment of a Theological Department in that school; Dr. Betty A. Nilsson, who after having found considerable relief by the treatment of her eyes in America, hastened back to her medical work at Rajahmundry, reaching her destination on March 4, 1915; and Miss Emilie L. Weiskotten, who curtailed the period of her furlough that she might be present at the re-opening of the Hindu Girls' schools in July, 1915. These three missionaries rendered most acceptable service while on furlough as advocates and pleaders for the development and extension of our Telugu Mission.

Those who are returning to India this fall are Rev. Oscar L. Larson with his wife and four children, and Rev. and Mrs. O. O. Eckardt. Both are members of the Swedish Augustana Synod to which they have devoted their attention in an effort to increase its interest in the great and growing work of the Telugu Mission.

Miss Sigrid Esberhn has gone back to India to become the wife of a missionary of the Danish Mission, and is, therefore, lost to our work. Dr. Lydia Woerner insisted on her resignation in September, 1914, and the Board accepted it with an expression of its high regard for her work in India and of the hope that some day she may be able to return. The Board terminated its relation to Miss Agatha Tatge January 1, 1915. After a short residence in Rajahmundry she had returned to America afflicted with a serious illness. Because the eye specialist who was consulted and who succeeded in giving Rev. F. W. Schaefer relief after all others had failed, advised against Mr. Schaefer's return to India before his complete recovery, the Board was obliged to request him to seek a pastorate in America.

After Dr. Amy B. Rohrer was married to Rev. August Neudoerffer at Rajahmundry on December 3, 1914, she decided to remain with her husband in India rather than to come to America on furlough. Rev. Karl L. Wolters, whose furlough is long overdue, has been detained in India to settle the estate of Dr. H. E. Isaacson, but hopes to leave in October, this year. With the exception of Mr. Wolters there will be no missionaries on furlough during the year 1916.

III. NEW MISSIONARIES.

Last year we were not able to send out all the new missionaries under appointment on account of the war in Europe, and this year we must send those who remained behind, as well as those who since have been called, and those who are returning after furlough, by way of the Pacific Ocean, which involves an additional expense of \$100.00 for each missionary.

The new missionaries who did reach the field last year are Rev. and Mrs. Frederick L. Coleman of Lebanon, Pa., commissioned in Salem Church, Lebanon, on September 30, 1914, who accompanied the Rev. and Mrs. Kuder to India; and Rev. Edwin A. Olson, commissioned in the Swedish Lutheran Church, Hartford, Conn., January 21, 1915, who accompanied Dr. Betty A. Nilsson. Those who remained in America are Rev. and Mrs. C. P. Tranberg, who had served a number of years as pastor of the church in East Germantown, Indiana, and Miss Charlotte B. Hollerbach of Chicago, both of whom were commissioned in St. Luke's Church, Chicago, September 20, 1914. Mr. Tranberg took a post-graduate course at the Theological Seminary in Philadelphia, and spent the summer at the Theological Seminary in Gettysburg as a member of a class of missionaries engaged in the study of Telugu. Miss Hollerbach took the prescribed course at the Mary J. Drexel Home and Motherhouse of Deaconesses, Philadelphia.

The following is the list of those who have been called this year: Rev. Sigfrid L. Blomgren, son of Rev. Prof. C. A. Blomgren, Ph.D., of Augustana Theological Seminary, who was ordained at the recent convention of the Augustana Synod; Miss Anna E. Rohrer of Lancaster, Pa., a younger sister of Dr. Amy B. Rohrer-Neudoerffer, who has prepared herself especially to take charge of a training school for nurses; Miss Hilma Levine of Galesburg, Ill., trained as a nurse in the hospital of her native city; Miss Christina Eriksson of Holmes City, Minn., who is both a graduate of a normal school and a registered nurse; Miss Virginia Boyer of Zelienople, Pa., a normal school graduate with six years' experience as a teacher; Miss Agnes Christenson of Marquette, Kansas, who has taught in the model school of the normal department of Bethany College, Lindsborg, Kansas.

We are also sending out this year our third General Council missionary to Japan, the Rev. John Kenneth Linn of Rockwell, N. C., son of Rev. J. A. Linn, graduated last spring from the Theological Seminary in

Philadelphia, ordained at the meeting of the Pennsylvania Ministerium, and married on June 30th to Miss Lucy Ligon.

All of these, two ordained missionaries and five women missionaries, commissioned at a public service in connection with the convention of the General Council at Rock Island, Ill., at which all of the out-going missionaries were present, are traveling together westward to San Francisco and thence to their destinations.

IV. THE EFFECT OF THE WAR.

Missionaries' Departure Delayed.—We felt the effect of the great war in Europe on our foreign mission work as soon as it began. The departure of the missionaries who were to sail for India in the fall of 1914 had to be postponed. Those who went later were provided with the necessary passports and certificates, and were given additional funds in gold for use in case of emergencies, with the instruction to turn their balances into the Emergency Fund of the mission. Rev. and Mrs. Kuder with three children, Rev. and Mrs. Coleman, Rev. E. A. Olson and Dr. Betty Nilsson went by way of the Mediterranean Sea without any mishap, but Miss Weiskotten took the longer route by way of the Pacific Ocean, which is also the way this year's party of out-going missionaries is taking. The dangers of the usual route have become too great.

Transmission of Funds.—In the transmission of funds to the mission in Japan no difficulty whatever was experienced, but for a number of months after the opening of the war foreign exchange was so high that most Boards, our own included, took advantage of the offer of the Standard Oil Company to arrange the transfer of funds to India and other parts of Asia and Africa. After conditions in the banking world again became normal, we reverted to the usual custom of sending London drafts.

Appeals from Germany.—For the missionary societies of Germany the war at once made communications with their missions in India and the direct transmission of funds impossible. As early as August 5, 1914, our Board received a letter from Missionsinspektor Bracker of the Schleswig-Holstein Society, requesting a loan of \$12,000.00 to be paid its mission in India in regular installments. In response to an appeal for funds with which to be able to comply with this request, the sum of \$824.23 was received and used for this purpose with the understanding that it may later be applied to some special object in our Telugu Mission. Up to the present our loans to the Schleswig-Holstein or Breklum Mission in India have amounted to \$19,680.00, all of which has been returned to our treasury through Mr. Christian Bahnsen of New York City, a brother of the former Missionsinspektor of the Schleswig-Holstein Society, in whom that society has found a true friend.

Relief Funds.—The Board was not content, however, to confine its assistance to the granting of loans, but when it learned through correspondence with the Missions in India and the societies in Germany how serious the distress of the German Missions would become, unless funds

were made immediately available, our Board joined with the Board of the General Synod in an appeal for relief funds. All other Lutheran Foreign Mission Boards in America were invited to join in this appeal, but declined for various reasons. Whatever funds for relief have been received, have been sent to India, and have been distributed among the distressed German missions by a special committee of missionaries, or they have been sent through our treasury in India directly to the several missions. Thus the sum of \$3,850.00 has been forwarded for general relief, \$776.48 for the Gossner Mission, and \$272.13 for the Leipsic Mission. Moreover, the Foreign Mission Board of the Joint Synod of Ohio sent us \$10,133.00 to be transmitted to India through our treasuries for the Hermannsburg Mission. As long as the war lasts the necessity for sending such relief funds will continue, and we again appeal to our churches to give what they can for this purpose.

Loan of Missionaries.—All German missionaries in India, and there were no less than 400 in that land at the outbreak of the war, were made prisoners of war and were either imprisoned in concentration camps or made prisoners on parole with very limited spheres of activity. The withdrawal of so many men from active mission work led several of the German societies to turn to the American Lutheran Boards with requests to loan them the services of some of their missionaries. Our Board has responded also to this appeal, despite the fact that our Telugu Mission is woefully undermanned. The preservation of the good work of our brethren in the faith demands it. As a consequence Rev. Ernst Neudoerffer has gone to the field of the Schleswig-Holstein Mission, where Rev. C. F. Kuder also has done some relief work. We feel that we must hold ourselves in readiness to render similar assistance to the other German Lutheran Mission in India, whose condition is no less serious, if we are asked to do so. Whatever the ultimate effect of the war will be upon all of these missions of the Lutheran Church in India, we dare not allow them to be lost to our Church, and may, therefore, be called upon to make unusual sacrifices in America to preserve them as Lutheran mission fields.

V. LITERATURE.

Our Mission Papers.—As a result of certain agitation on the floor of the last convention of the General Council the Board of Foreign Missions consummated a plan which had been under consideration for a number of years but had been deferred because of the expense involved. This plan called for a radical change in the form and appearance of our mission papers and some improvements in their contents. During the first week in January, 1914, therefore, "The Foreign Missionary" and "Der Missionsbote" appeared in their new dresses, with which every one was greatly pleased. In order that the increased expenses might be met to some extent, advertisements of an unobjectional character have been inserted in these papers; but they will not become permanently self-supporting until the subscription list reaches at least 10,000 for each paper. The present number on the list is: "The Foreign Missionary," 8,775;

"Missionsbote," 7,200. These papers are indispensable to those who wish to keep in constant touch with our foreign mission work; and we beg our pastors, on whom we must rely for additional subscriptions, to agitate in favor of these papers.

The business management of "Der Missionsbote," to which for a while the editor had given his time and attention, was transferred to the General Council Publication Board on October 1, 1914. "Der Kleine Missionsbote" was discontinued and a special department for our young folks was inserted in "Der Missionsbote" as well as in "The Foreign Missionary."

History of Our Telugu Mission Published.—Under a business arrangement with the Board of Publication an authoritative history of the American Evangelical Lutheran Missions in India up to the year 1869, and of the Telugu Mission of the General Council up to the present, was published in 1914. The authors are the Rev. George Drach, General Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions, and the Rev. C. F. Kuder, missionary at Rajahmundry. The title of this book is "The Telugu Mission." It includes a complete biography of the Rev. C. F. Heyer, M.D., the first foreign missionary of the Lutheran Church in America, the seventy-fifth anniversary of whose departure for India will be celebrated in 1917, the year of the quadri-centennial of the Protestant Reformation. The price of this history is \$2.00. It is a permanent and valuable contribution to our foreign mission literature.

Pamphlets and Circulars.—It is the purpose of the Board of Foreign Missions to keep the Church constantly and fully informed on every phase of the work, development and needs of our foreign missions. As a consequence we have been publishing our biennial reports separately as illustrated pamphlets and have distributed them broadcast throughout the Church. We have also issued pamphlets and circulars of various kinds from time to time, especially for use in our congregations and Sunday-schools during the Epiphany season and for distribution at the conventions of synods and conferences. While this campaign of education involves considerable expense, we are confident that it has materially helped our cause to a better understanding and wider interest among our pastors and people.

VI. RELATION TO OTHER BOARDS.

We have already referred to the relation of our Foreign Mission Board to certain mission societies of Germany and to the General Synod's Board, as well as that of the Joint Synod of Ohio, in the matter of the relief of the German Missions in India. We have also co-operated with the General Synod's Board in a summer school for missionaries under appointment at Gettysburg, Pa. Concerning our relation with the other Lutheran Boards co-operating in the Japan mission work, we shall speak in another connection.

Joint Theological Seminary, Madras, India.—We had hoped with the authority given at the last convention of the General Council to make a beginning in the effort to establish a joint theological seminary for all

Lutheran missions in South India, to be located at Madras; but the replies received from a number of societies in Germany and the conditions now existing in India, forced us to a postponement of this undertaking. After peace has been restored we hope to be able to resume our efforts in this direction.

Agreement with Baptists.—A number of incidents have somewhat disturbed our relation with the Canadian Baptist Mission and Board, with which we have an agreement concerning boundary lines and principles of mission comity. The Board has, therefore, proposed a revision of the agreement in regard to the Rajahmundry and Peddapur taluks.

Kodaikanal School for Missionaries' Children.—In order that our missionaries may have their children educated in India and not be obliged to suffer a distant and lengthy separation, our Board has made arrangements for co-operation in the support and administration of the school for missionaries' children at Kodaikanal, one of the vacation resorts in South India. This co-operation involves an annual contribution of \$300 to the school, whether we have missionaries' children there or not, and a seat and vote both in the managing board in India and in the advisory council in America. Dr. and Mrs. Isaacson had several of their children educated in this school. Rev. and Mrs. Kuder are sending two of their children to it, and Rev. and Mrs. Larson are taking their four children to India with the intention of sending them to Kodaikanal. This school is conducted in the manner of a private American school; and we owe it to our missionaries' families to give them the advantage of such an institution within comparatively easy access of the Mission.

Madras Union College for Girls.—Our Board and Mission in India have been invited to co-operate in a union college for girls at Madras. Such co-operation is conditioned on the payment of about \$1,000.00 annually towards the expenses of the college. Various boards of different denominations in England and America, which have mission interests in the Tamil and Telugu countries, have already begun this enterprise; and while we see distinct advantages for our Mission in such a union college for girls, we have hesitated to join in the enterprise for various reasons. We are awaiting an expression of opinion from our Mission before taking any further steps.

The Foreign Missions Conference.—The executive officers of the foreign mission boards in the United States and Canada have held annual meetings for the consideration of the intricate problems of foreign missions, in which our Board has participated. The General Secretary served as the chairman of the 22nd Conference at Garden City, Long Island, January 13-14, 1915. Inasmuch as doctrinal questions never enter into the discussions, which are confined to the consideration of the problems of mission administration at home and abroad, our representatives have always found much profit for themselves as mission administrators in these conferences. Our Board is now contributing the sum of \$75.00 a year towards the expenses of the Conference and of the Board of Missionary Preparation, of which the General Secretary is a member.

In the Laymen's Missionary Movement and the Missionary Education Movement, which are more or less closely associated with the Foreign Missions Conference, our Board has no representation, and is not actively co-operating, though it has derived and will continue to derive benefit from the publications and activities of these interdenominational movements.

Women's Missionary Society.—The Women's Missionary Society of the General Council has complied with the resolution of the last convention of General Council, and has, through the chairman of the Foreign and Medical Committee, Miss Mary A. Miller, furnished reports of its work. In regard to medical mission work Miss Miller writes: "At the meeting of the Executive Committee held in Rochester, N. Y., September, 1914, Mrs. Frank F. Fry, chairman of the Foreign and Medical Mission Committee, resigned, and the present incumbent was appointed as her successor. At the same time Miss R. Elizabeth Petrich, of San Jose, California, whose pastor, professors and friends were pleased to give her exceptionally fine recommendations, was accepted as the ward of this society during the last year of her college studies and the years of her medical course.

"Miss Petrich cannot go to India in less than four or five years. Will Dr. Nilsson be able to hold out that long alone? I should say most decidedly that she will not. There is a limit to human strength and endurance. What can be done in this matter? Is there not somewhere a Lutheran woman, a graduate in medicine, who will help in this time of emergency and great need?"

Miss Miller also reports on the sending of the so-called India boxes in 1914 and 1915. These boxes contained for the most part supplies for the Hospital and Medical work in India, and cotton and other supplies for the Lace industry. Moreover, for the purchase of such supplies the following sums of money were received: In 1914, \$700.53, and in 1915, \$593.86. Some of the supplies were purchased in America and included in the contents of the boxes; others were purchased in India with funds sent through the treasury of the Board and Mission.

The Women's Missionary Society is a valuable and highly appreciated auxiliary to the Board of Foreign Missions both in the spread of missionary information through its publications and in the collection of funds for the mission work. We are relying upon it for the medical education of qualified young women to be sent to India as medical missionaries, and have appealed especially, in this hour of emergency, for its assistance in finding some one to go out at once to share with Dr. Betty A. Nilsson the burdens and joys of the hospital and medical work of Rajahmundry.

VII. PROGRESS IN OUR TELUGU MISSION

Statistics.—The statistics of our mission in India, as given under a separate head at the close of this report, indicate that despite the meagerness of our missionary force the work has made commendable progress.

During the year 1914-1915 only seven ordained missionaries and five women missionaries were at work in the field, and some of them for only part of the time; but next year the number will be slightly increased and as the new missionaries, after having studied Telugu, enter the work, the number in active service should show a steady increase from year to year. The progress made is undoubtedly due in a large measure to the greater number and efficiency of the native helpers,—444 at the close of 1914. While the number of pupils in the mission schools shows a very slight increase, the number of baptized Christians had risen to 23,620 at the beginning of the year 1915. We are especially gratified with the efforts of our missionaries to encourage self-support, as much as \$15,043.00 having been contributed by the native Christians for this purpose and for benevolent objects in 1914.

Cost of Mission Work.—Each missionary prepares semi-annually an estimate of the amount needed for the general work of his or her department or district, exclusive of buildings and repairs. These estimates are submitted to the Board which usually approves them. It is natural that with the growth of the Mission these estimates should steadily increase. Thus in 1913 they amounted to \$20,625.00 and in 1915 to \$26,808.00. An idea of the relative cost of the work in the various districts and departments may be gained from the following list of estimates for the second half of the year 1915: Bhimawaram District, \$1,805.00; Dowlaishwaram District, \$1,076.00; Jaggampet District, \$523.00; Korukonda District, \$515.00; Samulkot District, \$701.00; Tadevalligudem District, \$845.00; Tallapudi District, \$909.00; Boys' Central School, \$2,470.00; Rajahmundry Work, \$2,321.00; Girls' Central School, \$983.00; Medical Work, \$1,595.00; Hindu Girls' Schools, \$300.00; Peddapur High School, \$976.00; Zenana Work, \$254.00.

Salaries of Missionaries.—Because their salaries were no longer adequate on account of the increased cost of living, the missionaries petitioned the Board for a revision of the scale of salaries, which had remained unchanged since 1889. The Board granted their petition, and a new scale was adopted in July, 1914. According to this scale the increase of missionaries' salaries is made dependent upon their passing the vernacular examinations and upon their terms of service in the Mission.

In June, 1914, the Mission submitted a new scale of salaries for native women workers, which the Board adopted and which is now in force.

Property and Buildings.—The Harpster Memorial Rest-Houses at Kotagiri were completed and furnished at a cost of \$3,587.00 for both houses, and were occupied by missionaries during the last hot season. Thus the generous donation of the site for this purpose by Mrs. Harpster, seconded by the efforts of the women's missionary societies to raise the funds for the buildings and furniture, has given our missionaries suitable summer quarters for their vacations. It has been suggested that similar provision be made at Kodaikanal, another vacation resort in South India, by purchasing the property now owned by Mrs. H. E. Isaacson and Rev. K. L. Wolters.

Girls' Central School Buildings.—Miss Agnes I. Schade has just completed an addition to her school building at a cost of \$1,425, and is now supervising the erection of a bungalow in the school compound, estimated to cost \$3,333.00 and planned for two women missionaries. The Women's Missionary Society of the Pittsburgh Synod, especially the Erie Conference Society, is raising funds for this bungalow.

Other School Buildings.—Small dwellings for the students attending the Theological Department of the Central School at Rajahmundry are being built with funds furnished several years ago for this purpose by Mr. William W. Wattles of Pittsburgh.

An addition to the Training School for Masters at Rajahmundry, to cost \$3,333.00, is to be erected. The Peddapur High School for Boys needs an addition to its school building and a hostel, or dormitory. For the latter the Board will supply a part of the funds, the rest to be secured through government grant and contributions of residents in Peddapur. Additional property will be purchased for these buildings. This school is making splendid progress under the management of Prof. Sipes.

Hospital and Dispensary Buildings.—The site of the Rajahmundry Dispensary has been purchased for \$2,000.00, and a new dispensary building should be erected at once. Additional ground has been purchased near the hospital on which to erect a new septic tank. The hospital needs a chapel building for which the Board is expecting plans and specifications. It is hoped that one of the synodical women's missionary societies will erect the hospital chapel.

Other Buildings.—Funds are being solicited and collected in America for a Widows' and Converts' Home at Rajahmundry, to be known as the Charlotte Swenson Memorial Home. It would be most appropriate to include in these memorial buildings one for the Training of Bible Women.

The bungalow at Bhimawaram was completed in 1914 with funds derived from the sale of the Haas lands, and the sum of \$2,500.00 was spent on a reconstruction of the Peddapur bungalow. Authority has recently been given the Mission to purchase the Sappers' Hill property near Dowlaishwaram for the accommodation of several of the new missionaries.

Several of the properties used by the Hindu Girls' schools were purchased during the biennium.

Government Grants.—Frequent mention is made in our reports of grants from the government in India for educational purposes. To what extent the government assists the mission in this direction may be noted from the following figures for the year ending March 31, 1915. For the mission schools the sum of \$27,770.00 was expended. Of this sum the government furnished \$7,301.00, the Mission \$12,771, and \$5,231 were received as fees from students. The total number of schools supported was 279, having 324 teachers and 8,708 pupils.

Reading Room in Rajahmundry.—For the better educated native people a small library and a reading-room is to be opened in Rajahmundry in

the near future. If possible lectures will be held in this room, which is to be made an avenue of approach to the higher castes.

Telugu Church Book.—It is gratifying to learn that the Telugu Lutheran Church Book, containing the forms of service, the orders for ministerial acts and a selection of translated hymns, will soon be completed. The sum of \$500 has been granted for its completion and for a separate edition with music, giving the simple melody, not the four-part harmony.

Automobiles for Missionaries.—The Board is considering the advisability of giving automobiles or motor cycles to the missionaries who can use them to good advantage in their district work. Rev. Ernst Neudoerffer has had a motor cycle for over a year, purchased at his own expense, and he advocates its use in the place of a horse. The donation of a new automobile or motor cycle for use by one of our missionaries would be most acceptable.

Lace Industry.—We are glad to be able to report that the Women's Missionary Society of the General Council is now forwarding all proceeds of the sale of lace in this country through the treasury of the Board. The elevation of this industry in our Mission to the standing of a regular department in charge of a competent woman missionary is under consideration.

Industrial Mission Work.—Several applications have been received from young men who would like to go to our Telugu Mission as industrial missionaries. If qualified men can be secured the Board is willing to inaugurate a regular department of industrial mission work, especially along the lines of printing, publishing, construction of buildings and agriculture.

VIII. LIST OF MISSIONARIES.

The following is the list of our missionaries in India. Those whose address is Rajahmundry, Godavery District, India, are: Rev. and Mrs. C. F. Kuder, Boys' Central School; Rev. and Mrs. August F. A. Neudoerffer, Town Work; Rev. and Mrs. Frederick L. Coleman; Agnes I. Schade, Girls' Central School; Susan E. Monroe, Zenana Work; Emilie L. Weiskotten, Hindu Girls' Schools; Betty A. Nilsson, Medical Work; Mary A. Borthwick.

The others are: Rev. and Mrs. Rudolph Arps, Dowlaishwaram; Rev. and Mrs. Thure Holmer and Rev. E. A. Olson, Samulkot; Rev. Ernst Neudoerffer, Bhimawaram; Rev. and Mrs. Oscar V. Werner, Bhimawaram; Prof. and Mrs. Hiram H. Sipes, Peddapur. Rev. Karl L. Wolters, Tadepalligudem, will leave on furlough about October 1, 1915.

Out-going missionaries are: Returning from furlough: Rev. and Mrs. Oscar L. Larson, Rev. and Mrs. O. O. Eckardt. New Missionaries: Rev. Sigfrid L. Blomgren, Rev. and Mrs. C. P. Tranberg, Anna E. Rohrer, Hilma Levine, Charlotte B. Hollerbach, Virginia Boyer, Christina Eriksson, Agnes Christenson.

IX. THE NEEDS OF OUR TELUGU MISSION.

1. We need now, at once and very much, a woman physician for the Hospital and Medical work at Rajahmundry. She should be fully qualified and a member of the Lutheran Church.

2. We need additional women missionaries, in particular graduates of colleges or normal schools, for the educational and evangelistic work among women and children in every part of our mission field.

3. We need ordained men in order that several of the larger districts of the field may be divided. One of the districts has as many as 12,000 Christians scattered over a territory as large as four or five counties. One missionary cannot care for such an immense field. We need men moreover to extend the work in every direction but especially among the Sudra and higher castes.

4. We now need unordained men for the educational and industrial work in Rajahmundry and in the districts.

5. We need a more adequate equipment. The need of a number of buildings has already been pointed out in this report.

6. We need funds, ever increasing, for the expanding work of the Mission. We need to have the apportionments for our foreign missions paid in full in order that we may maintain and develop our splendid mission in India.

7. We need more relief contributions for our German brethren, whose mission work lies neglected because they are prisoners of war. Surely our Church will not fail to keep up its effort for the relief of the German missions in India!

8. We need constant and consecrated mission workers at home, who pray continually and labor unselfishly for the spread of the Gospel to the heathen nations on earth.

X. RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN JAPAN.

At the close of 1915 we will have three missionary families in Japan: Rev. and Mrs. Frisby D. Smith, living at 139 Higashi, Katamachi, Hongo-ku, Tokyo, who have been in Japan seven years; Rev. and Mrs. Edward T. Horn, living in Nagoya, who have been in Japan four years; and Rev. and Mrs. John Kenneth Linn, living and studying Japanese in Tokyo.

Progress in Tokyo.—The work of Rev. Frisby D. Smith and Pastor N. Yamanouchi in Tokyo has made commendable progress during the past two years. Since writing his report for the biennium Mr. Smith opened, on February 21, 1915, a second preaching place and Sunday-school in another part of the city. In addition to his wife and the native pastor, Miss Mary Bowers and Miss Martha Aakard, women missionaries of the United Synod's mission, studying in Tokyo, have helped him. He has plans for a mission dispensary conducted on a self-supporting basis in connection with the second preaching place, and the Board has authorized him to proceed according to these plans.

Relation to the Kyushu Gakuin.—Rev. Edward T. Horn, with the Board's approval, severed his relations to the Kyushu Gakuin, the middle

school of the United Synod's mission at Kumamoto, at the close of the school year in 1915. His withdrawal does not mean that we are no longer to co-operate in the educational work of the mission of the United Synod. On the contrary the Board, in April, 1915, adopted the following resolution: "We recognize and reaffirm our obligation according to the original agreement to maintain a professor at the Kyushu Gakuin in Kumamoto, thereby including the support of the professorship and the selection and sending out of an incumbent, who shall be a missionary of this Board. But we are unwilling that the functions of the professor be limited to instruction in the English language in the school. We wish an understanding that our missionary shall be assigned to work in any department of the school, including the theological school, in which he may be needed or for which he may be especially qualified."

Cost of Work in Japan.—In addition to the sum of \$1,200.00 which we are now annually paying into the treasury of the Foreign Mission Board of the United Synod in the South for the support of the Kyushu Gakuin professorship, we are contributing one-third of the sum required for the running expenses of the school, which, in 1915, amounted to \$2,580.00. Including salaries of missionaries our total expenditure for the work of the Japan Mission in 1915 amounted to about \$10,000.00. Mission work is necessarily more expensive and slower in Japan than in India.

Our Second Station in Japan.—After considerable correspondence and consultation with the other Lutheran missionaries in Japan, Nagoya was selected as the city in which to locate our second station. The Rev. Mr. Horn moved to that city in September, 1915. He describes it as a flourishing city of 500,000 inhabitants, including the suburbs. It is a manufacturing center on the main line of the railway from Tokyo to Shimonoseki, 233 miles from Tokyo and 121 from Osaka. It is an ancient city and a strong Buddhist center. The need of more missionaries there has been expressed by the Committee on Survey and Occupation of the Federated Missions of Japan. Mr. Horn has been authorized by the Board to secure the services of a native evangelist to cooperate with him in the establishment of this new station.

Revision of Rules Governing Allowances.—When in 1914 our missionaries in Japan appealed for more remuneration, we decided that instead of increasing their salaries we would grant them children's allowance. Furthermore, on the initiative of the Foreign Mission Board of the United Synod, a revision of all the rules concerning allowances is under consideration. It is very desirable that, as far as possible, the rules of the three American Lutheran Missions in Japan shall be uniform, and we are, therefore, seeking to secure such uniformity.

Theological Students.—Two young men are being educated for the holy ministry by our Mission, one in the Kyushu Gakuin and the other in a school at Tokyo. Moriya San, the student at the Kyushu Gakuin, is being supported by the students of Muhlenberg College, Allentown, Pa.

Needs of Our Japan Mission.—1. We need a teacher for the Kyushu

Gakuin at Kumamoto, preferably though not necessarily an ordained man. 2. We need more ordained missionaries for evangelistic work. Conditions in Japan demand the preaching of the Gospel to the middle and lower classes, especially in the rural districts. 3. We need a property, site and buildings, in Tokyo, especially adapted for use as a chapel, dormitory, and residence for the native pastor. The Keck legacy of \$2,183 has been set aside as a nucleus for a property fund in Japan, which we desire to reach the sum of at least \$25,000.00. 4. We need the active interest of the Church in our Japan Mission, as well as in the Mission in India.

PART II.

THE TELUGU MISSION, INDIA.

As usual our missionaries have written biennial reports which are extremely interesting and of which extracts are herewith furnished. The absence of missionaries on furlough causes some of the reports to be quite meagre and brief.

THE BHIMAWARAM-NARSAPUR DISTRICT.

The work in the Bhimawaram-Narsapur District, the largest district in the mission field, has been supervised during the last two years by the Rev. Ernst Neudoerffer who writes an encouraging report. He says: "Looking back over the past two years our hearts beat with gratitude to God. Bhimawaram now has a missionary's residence. This is a most significant fact. The bungalow was begun in the fall of 1912 and completed in the fall of the next year. With a missionary resident in the town of Bhimawaram more work can be accomplished in the district; more oversight is possible; greater expansion of the work is certain and larger results are sure to follow.

"Let me refer briefly to my accident. One Sabbath morning, after having visited two congregations, on my return at the entrance to Bhimawaram, having been overcome by the intense heat of the May sun, my motorcycle ran into the stone wall of a bridge. The machine was smashed and I was hurled into the jaws of death. God, however, restored me to life, and after a few weeks spent on the hills I was able to resume my work. All praise and thanks be to Him!

"The year 1913 was practically without serious illness in the district and we lost very few Christians by death; but the same cannot be said of the year 1914. Cholera prevailed for months during the latter year, and there was probably not a village free from it. Hindus died by the hundreds of this dread disease. Few of our Christians, however, succumbed. Only two of our native workers were summoned. The Hindus gathered to offer sacrifices to their dumb idols and tried to appease the wrath of their gods; but the Christians worshipped the Lord God, and trusted in Him. Furthermore the Christians cultivate cleanliness and are more inclined to use 'English' medicines than Hindus.

"In a review of the work in the older congregations we would say that

the spirit of Christ is permeating the Christians more and more. Regularity in attending the services of the Lord's Day is the rule. A deeper sense of the blessing of that day—the hearing and learning of God's Word—is noticeable. The workers study the Bible more faithfully than hitherto. At certain centers the workers meet every Saturday for the study of the Bible, especially of the Gospel lesson for the next day. Apart from the good effect of this Bible study upon the workers themselves, they are thereby enabled to deliver better sermons on Sundays and thus to serve their congregations more effectively. Another encouraging matter is the attendance at the prayer meetings in the congregations during the week, which are chiefly for the purpose of Bible study.

“Let me tell you about the persecutions at Atchanta. The trouble began in 1910. Christians were arrested and beaten. Charges were brought against the faithful servants of the Lord and every possible means were employed to break up the congregation. A murder was committed in the village and faithful Prakasam, though innocent, was the first one accused. The sub-magistrate, a man who is hostile to everything which is Christian, accepted the false evidence, and found pleasure in publicly ridiculing Prakasam and the other Christians. ‘Now if I send you to jail,’ he said, ‘What good will your Christ do you?’ This magistrate did not reckon with the power of Christian faith and prayer. After the case had dragged along for months and seemed to be going against the Christians, the Lord heard the prayers of his people who literally cried to Him day and night, and contrary to all expectations the magistrate against his will and to his regret had to free Prakasam and the others accused with him. As a consequence the congregation at Atchanta is increasing in numbers and in life. What was once a den of thieves is slowly but surely becoming a village of Christian faith and prayer.

“In another village a Christian who was rather unpopular because he led an upright life, was asked to give false witness and to do certain other things to please those who do not love the Lord Jesus. He refused, and one night he was seized, tied to a wagon wheel, beaten and handed over to a man of lower caste to be kept in custody. This matter was reported to the police, but they treated it with indifference and the persecutors remained unpunished.

“A serious obstacle to our mission work is the activity of the Brahmo Somaj. This society is working against us at Bhimawaram, going among the outcastes and telling them not to join the Christian Church but to support their society. Of course the society will never admit them as equals with higher castes, and most of the outcastes know it. Nevertheless a few for the time being are kept away from the influence of the Gospel.”

The Educational Work.—“There are many parents here who do not value education for their children. Some are so utterly poor that they give their children as servants or rather slaves to rich farmers, who pay a monthly wage of a few cents to the parents for the work done. We are trying to persuade them to make contracts with these farmers so as

to allow the children some time for study at school, or to find employment as coolie laborers, which would mean liberty to work anywhere and for any farmer. I think that the latter idea is making headway among the poorer classes in this country and that we shall soon be able to insist upon having every child at school. Where the older Christians cannot read, it is a distinct pleasure to hear their little sons or daughters read the Bible for them. Our educational work is doing more than we realize to build up an intelligent Christian community.

"We have entered the third year of the existence of the Bhimawaram Boarding School, and the Mission has not yet contributed anything toward its support. It is kept up by the payment of fees on the part of the boarders. Last July we admitted seventy-two boys. So that this school may not consume too much of my time I have placed T. Shadrach in charge. Thus far the work has been satisfactory. I am confident that smaller boarding schools at the various stations will prove to be a blessing to the various districts. My beloved wife took a great deal of interest in the lads at the Bhimawaram school.

"With the permission of the Home Board an Incomplete Secondary School was opened at Bhimawaram, and we hope to be able to raise the standard to that of a High School. With the exception of a few bigoted men the town is very happy over this new school. The enemies of the Mission have tried to hinder the work by calling me a German, but the majority of the people are with us and this method of attack has now practically ceased. Of the 500 pupils in this school about 100 are Christian lads.

"We have continued to hold meetings with the elders of the congregations in this district. In 1913 we held one meeting for the two taluks, Bhimawaram and Narsapur, here in the town of Bhimawaram. It was well attended. In 1914 we held similar meetings at Palkol and Undi as well as at Bhimawaram. These places being centrally located for the various parts of this large district, the attendance was exceptionally good at each centre. At these meetings of the elders we try to solve the problems of the mission work and have discussed such subjects as: Compulsory Education, More Christian Customs at Weddings, Methodical Bible study. The time has come when we must show the intelligent Christians of our districts that we need and want their co-operation.

"At the time of our last biennial report the list of workers supported by the Christians themselves included seven. I said at that time that I hoped to see the day when all of the workers in the Narsapur Taluk would be supported by the Christians in the Bhimawaram taluk where the work is much older and farther advanced. The list now includes nineteen and the accounts show that for the work in the Nasapur taluk we expended Rs. 2000. I feel very grateful for what has been accomplished in this direction."

Evangelistic Work.—"A glance at the table of statistics will show that we have not labored in vain. In 1913 the number of baptisms reached 1,003 in this district, and in 1914 another 1,031 were added. These addi-

tions are largely due to the fact that many of the relatives of these new converts had already been baptized. When a congregation is once established and the worker is the right man and the Christians have realized their responsibility to their neighbors, then progress is assured. We are really very short of men capable of doing evangelistic work. God has done great things with the instruments which we have.

"For the past three years I have baptized each year over one thousand souls. We now number over 12,000 Christians in this district alone. Is it a wonder that I sometimes feel tired and worn out? The most burdensome part of the work relates to the care of souls. Daily people come to the bungalow with some request or complaint. There are one hundred and forty workers under my supervision. They need to be trained and helped and led. This alone is one man's work. Then there is the boarding school and the incomplete secondary school. This district ought to have at least two missionaries for the evangelistic work, one for the educational work, and at least two women missionaries, in addition to a medical missionary. May the Lord of the harvest hear the prayers of His servants and send forth laborers into this harvest field."

TALLAPUDI DISTRICT.

This district has been in charge of Rev. Ernst Neudoerffer since the departure of Rev. O. L. Larson in April, 1914. He says that he regrets that his work in the Bhimawaram-Narsapur district demanded so much of his time and attention, that he was not able to do what he should have liked to do in the Tallapudi district. He was not able to do more than merely to keep things moving. His brother, the Rev. August F. A. Neudoerffer, assisted him in the supervision of this district.

DOWLAISHWARAM DISTRICT.

This district is under the supervision of the Rev. Rudolph Arps. The table of statistics shows that 496 were added to the Church in this district during the years 1913 and 1914. Mr. Arps writes: "At certain places as many as 30 to 50 were baptized at one time. I am not sure that mass movements are to be encouraged. It is one of our most difficult tasks when called upon to baptize so many at one time to discern who are worthy and who are not. At any rate we have cause to thank the Lord because He has prospered the work despite so many obstacles and discouragements, such as the leaving and the death of a number of missionaries, an unusual death rate caused by outbreaks of cholera and a new kind of fever, heavy rains bringing floods, a very unpleasant court case, a railway strike and the European war. All of these things have in some manner or another effected our mission work. In looking backward upon the past two years some of the more significant and important events, as it seems to me, are the greater and more systematic effort made to evangelize this district, the establishment of out-stations near the seashore in the Nagaram taluk, and the completion of our new Telugu Church Book. Other events, not to be overlooked, are the acquisition of a gen-

eral Christian burial-ground at Aditi for the use of a number of surrounding congregations, a new house-boat for the Dowlaishwaram district, the purchase of a fine site with a tiled house on it for the use of the headmaster of the school at Dowlaishwaram, and the recognition of two additional primary schools at out-stations."

Evangelistic Work.—"We have by no means reached our ideal with the new method of evangelistic work in this district. We have a two-fold object in this new method, namely, first by sending a number of evangelists together from village to village they control and inspire each other and thus accomplish more than if they went out singly, and secondly the congregations are encouraged and do not fall back so readily into indifference, the national vice. There are a number of villages the missionary can visit only once or twice a year. A couple of visits by evangelists during the time of his absence proves to be of great help. A direct result of the new method was the establishment of our Mission in the Nagaram taluk near the Bay of Bengal. In six villages we now have congregations, each with a separate teacher. One evangelist supervises the work there, and is responsible for the propagation of the Gospel."

"In entirely new villages we have adopted a new plan. The bulk of our Christians have come from the Mala caste. The result is that the Madigas, a lower caste, not only keep aloof but are prevented from joining the Church by both Christian and non-Christian Malas. We are now trying to solve this problem. Whenever we enter a new village and find a hearing in both communities—very rarely we do not—we seek to baptize an equal number of families from both communities. To our great satisfaction we have succeeded in several places. Only last month, for instance, we baptized at Yerrempalim, a new village, eight families from each community. It was a joyful occasion. Forty-one, a whole congregation, were baptized in one hour. The first condition of success is a sincere and faithful agent. Some of my agents have reported movements among Sudras, and some have been able to speak to even higher caste people, who asked them to go to their houses in the evening to preach Christ to them. Surely this is a hopeful sign!"

Educational Work.—"The school is a handmaiden of the Church. I have had opportunity enough to make non-Christian school inspectors see that a non-religious school is most harmful. We feel that wherever there is a Christian congregation it is not only our right but also our duty to open a Christian school. If we succeed in influencing non-Christian pupils and through them their parents, it is not trickery on our part, as jealous non-Christian outsiders call it, but a most blessed result for which we are exceedingly thankful."

Pastoral Work.—"On account of the war, restrictions have been placed upon your missionary in this district. He is obliged to report every visit he makes to any village outside of Dowlaishwaram or Rajahmundry to the superintendent of police. This restriction and the possibility of being removed to a concentration camp as a prisoner of war obliged your missionary to refrain from undertaking long journeys in the house-boat.

However, since January, 1915, he has made unusually long trips on his bicycle, leaving home in the early morning and returning in the evening. Some have taxed his strength very much especially when he returned to his home at midday. The roads undoubtedly are splendid, wherefore ten times as much work might have been done with a motor-car of some kind. This is for the information of kind and generous friends at home, who might be able and willing to donate automobiles to the Mission.

"In conclusion we thank the Heavenly Father for the many blessings which He has bestowed on our work during the past years. May He forgive all our shortcomings and use our efforts for His glory."

TADEPALLIGUDEM DISTRICT.

During the past two years the Tadepalligudem district has been under the care and control of the Rev. Karl L. Wolters. He writes: "While I am sitting in the mission house-boat writing this report there arise before my mind's eye the pictures of a number of villages, six of which have been added during the last year. These are villages which your missionary visited for the first time and many heard the Gospel with joy. In some cases 20 or 30 at a time were added by baptism to the Church. In some of these villages the people had started schools on their own initiative and were only too glad to get teachers from the Mission, who could teach them also about salvation through Christ. In one village, however, only one family was ready to confess Christ, and it was of course immediately ostracized by the rest of the villagers. The man refused to take part in a heathen festival, which enraged the villagers and some of them watched for him in a field and severely beat him. He raised a complaint but his enemies promptly filed a counter-charge, making him appear as the aggressor. The Hindu judge believed the heathen and fined the Christian Rs. 25 as a disturber of the peace. In another village the converts were very eager to erect a school house at their own expense, but though the land was granted by the authorities, they have thus far failed to obtain the actual document of transfer. A harvest festival was held in this village and all Christians contributed liberally according to their needs, but on the day following the entire village was burnt down. In a third village there lived a little girl who was very anxious to receive baptism, but her aunt, who was her guardian, was opposed to Christianity and forbade the child. During the service the child escaped from her temporary prison and reappeared among the candidates. But her aunt followed her and snatched the crying child away. Perhaps the Lord will touch the aunt's heart later, so that the child may eventually be numbered among the followers of Christ.

"This district is ripe for the harvest, but the laborers are few. Almost daily we hear of new villages where the people desire the preaching of the Gospel. This year we held a separate festival in almost every village, thus increasing the interest of the people in such festivals and also greatly increasing the benevolent contributions. The number of baptized converts has also been increased by over 100 since January 1, 1915.

"There was anxiety at first concerning the effect of the European war upon our mission work. Our fears were unfounded. If it were not for an occasional secular paper, which reaches the missionary, we would not know that there is a war in Europe. Of course the people are somewhat excited and wish to get the latest news, but we purposely avoid the subject. May God in His great mercy soon restore peace upon earth."

SAMULKOT DISTRICT.

On account of the death of the Rev. H. E. Isaacson, D.D., no report of the work in the Samulkot district is made, but the Rev. Karl L. Wolters supplies the following information. "Dr. Isaacson found so much to do," he writes, "that he could not go to the hills during the hot season of 1914. By the departure of the Rev. Eckardt and the Rev. Schaefer the Jaggampet district and the Peddapur High School were added to his labors. In order to visit all of the villages of his district he perhaps started out too soon during the rainy season for the rather feverish district of Jaggampet. It was there in the Dak-Bungalow in the village of Jaggampet that he had what he thought was an attack of fever but what must now be considered a slight paralytic stroke. He rallied quickly so that he intended to resume his interrupted itinerary, but he and the writer took a few days off for recreation at the seashore in Uppada in his own district. Even then we went into some of the neighboring villages which belong to our Mission and baptized a number of people who were probably the last ones whom he was permitted to introduce into the communion of believers. Pressing duties in my own district caused us to shorten this period of rest, and owing to the fact that the writer had to visit a part of his own district where no mail can reach him, he never saw Dr. Isaacson again until he was brought to the hospital at Rajahmundry. His condition had become much worse and Rev. Werner and Prof. Sipes kindly brought him to the Medical bungalow where our missionaries took turns in watching with him until he fell peacefully asleep in the Lord on the evening of the first day of December, sure of a happier awakening. There was great sorrow in his district which found expression in an unusually large attendance at the memorial service held for him on the Sunday following his death in his own church at Samulkot. The oldest catechist, J. John Henry, and the oldest evangelist, Raya David, paid warm tributes to Dr. Isaacson's untiring and faithful labors among them for almost 21 years. Raya David is the only native worker still on the field who was there when Dr. Isaacson first came among them and he had seen the work grow from a handful of Christians to the present proportions.

"Though men may die and pass away, the work of the Lord goes on. For the last month of the year the entire work in the Samulkot district passed into the hands of the writer but of course little more could be done than to exercise a sort of general oversight. The Samulkot district has now been assigned to the Rev. Thure Holmer. The statistics will give the reader an insight into the work which Dr. Isaacson did, as far as it can be expressed numerically, but the far greater value of his quiet

and unobtrusive but patient and faithful work will appear only in the results of the future and on the last great day, when the works of all men shall be revealed."

KORUKONDA DISTRICT.

"As I have had charge of this district less than a year," writes the Rev. Thure Holmer, "and as I am as yet a novice in the knowledge and practice of mission work, these remarks must be taken as more or less superficial observations. Korukonda is thought to be a hard field to work, yielding small returns; but it must be considered that this is the most neglected district. Hardly ever has it had its own missionary to care for it. It has generally been in charge of some missionary to care for it in addition to the work of caring for his own district.

"Speaking of the depressed classes, the people are not indifferent to the privileges of Christianity; but naturally it is its economic phase which appeals to them first and most vividly. This might seem to be a cause for discouragement but need not be such. Although Christ admonishes us to seek first after righteousness and the kingdom of God, He did not ignore the temporal requirements of life. It is chiefly in the matters of education and of appeals to the government that the people come to the missionary for help. Thus, if they need a well or more land for the extension of their village, they will invariably turn to the missionary for assistance, though they be heathen without any intention of becoming Christians. The reason in part for this is, that a recommendation from a European or American is hardly ever ignored by the government. It at least receives a gracious consideration. It is a matter of no small consequence that these people have come to recognize in the missionary a disinterested friend in whom they place more confidence than in their own leaders. Under such circumstances they cannot be insensible to the religious influence of the missionary.

"This field needs efficient teachers and evangelists. We have but a very few good teachers and evangelists. As our work is now conducted the more progressive districts are favored and the more backward districts are left to shift for themselves.

"At Korukonda one of the Christians has given us a piece of land at the very foot of the temple mountain and about two minutes' walk from the steps leading up to the temple. The intention is to erect a building on this site, but as Korukonda is an important religious center and as excellent opportunity for doing evangelistic work is offered every year, it is desirable to put up a building that will meet the requirements. It should be large enough to house some of the missionaries when visiting the festival, to serve for a chapel and also for a school house; but it is impossible for us to raise funds for such a building among our Christians as they are without exception poor laborers working for the heathen and barely securing a living.

"The Sunday markets constitute a great obstacle for our Christians, as it necessitates their attending the market on this day to secure the neces-

sary food supplies for the week. It seems strange that these markets generally should be held on Sundays, and it looks like a malicious device against our Christians. Efforts to have this changed have hitherto failed.

“What are the prospects in this district? The people of the depressed classes are not indifferent to the teachings of Christianity; but in part they are too ignorant as yet fully to appreciate the beauty and power of Christianity. In part they are in fear of the ryots, or rich farmers, who threaten to starve them if they become Christians. As these people do not possess very much of the heroic, it is small wonder that the results have not been better. But by a better knowledge of Christian truths, by sympathetic persuasion and especially by the power of the Holy Ghost, we hope that all hindrances shall be overcome and that these people who are so sorely in need of salvation both temporally and spiritually, will embrace it as it is found in Jesus Christ, the Saviour of the world.”

THE TOWN OF RAJAHMUNDRY.

The town of Rajahmundry now has a missionary who can give all of his time and attention to the work there, and we are looking for a marked advance in the effort to Christianize the center of our mission field. The Rev. August F. A. Neudoerffer writes of his beginning as missionary in charge of Rajahmundry as follows: “Pastor Pantagani Paradesi, who became pastor of St. Paul’s Church in this town a few years ago, assists me in the evangelistic work. His services are indispensable. He is a capable Telugu preacher and has faithfully proclaimed the Gospel to multitudes of people. The Sunday-school of St. Paul’s congregation includes the children from the Boys’ and Girls’ Central School and had a total enrollment of over 400. We are using the Hermannsburg Sunday-school Monthly as the text-book, the instruction being given in Telugu. The church building is much too small for our purpose, so that nearly half the number of classes must be taught outside of the building and under trees. One Sunday each month is devoted to mission study. A Sunday-school Teachers’ Association has been organized, and one meeting is held each month with an address by one of the teachers. Your missionary is the president of the association and Pastor Paradesi is the Sunday-school superintendent. Pastor Paradesi is also the religious instructor in the Training School for Masters, and many Hindus of various classes attend his lectures.

“Weekly prayer meetings were held in the different parts of the city where Christians live. Our records show the following statistics for the last two years: Baptisms, 59; Confirmants, 97; Marriages, 19; Deaths, 40.

“Every week Pastor Paradesi visits the hospital. In the village of Halcott’s Gardens, near the hospital, a small congregation gathers every Sunday for worship. In the same neighborhood we have a Primary School, attended by 28 children and a night school will soon be opened at the request of the people.

“During the latter part of 1914 an evangelist was added to the staff of our workers in the town, who is active in visiting houses where inquirers

live to instruct them in Christianity. Pastor Paradesi, whom he assists in this work, has many friends among the Hindus, and being highly respected by the better classes he is able often to sow the seed of Christian truth in their hearts and to give them tracts and pamphlets.

"Our membership in Rajahmundry at the close of 1914 was 331. The average attendance on Sunday has been 600, including the teachers and pupils of the boarding schools. The number of communicants is 250. Every member, except the very poor, is expected to pay at least two Annas, which amount to about four cents, each month, and thus the congregation supports itself. Recently Pastor Ratnam came to Rajahmundry, where he is at work among the caste people."

The Telugu Church Book without the hymns was printed in the Mission Printery. The hymns are to be added later. A Sunday-school Hymnal also has been begun. The Printery has, furthermore, been working on the following books: "The Way of the Cross," "Buchrucker's Sacred History," "Book of Prayers." These are being translated by our missionaries. We have also completed "The World's History," by Rev. H. Harms of the Hermannsburg Mission. In addition the Printery has been doing job work and educational book work.

The Book Store at Rajahmundry supplies the demands of the mission work and of the various schools in town.

EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS.

Boys' Central School, Rajahmundry.

While the Rev. C. F. Kuder was in America on furlough, the Boys' Central School at Rajahmundry, more correctly at Luthergeri, was in charge of the Rev. Oscar V. Werner, who furnishes the following report: "It ought to be a matter of exceeding joy before the Lord to every member of the General Council that on that little hill between Rajahmundry and Kateru, now named Luthergeri but once known as Sanasulakonda, that is the hill of the holy hermits, the invisible spirits Sanyasis and Rishis in their unseen huts have become more invisible than ever over against the unmistakably real crowd of boys who, although they are certainly not leading the lives of hermits as their happy throng moves about in the large-towered school building and in the long-stretching dormitory, still hope to become true holy men by the grace of God in Jesus Christ. On the very haunts of fable and Satan-born idolatry Truth has reared herself a house that shall abide as long as time. The teaching staff of our boarding school has undergone many changes for various reasons beyond our control, but its standard needs as much as ever to be raised by the addition of fully qualified teachers.

"Each year some of the boys have gone to the High School at Peddapur, some have entered the Bible class and some have been sent into the town for normal training. We have the satisfaction of knowing that those who have entered the Bible class, testified each year that they gained a larger faith and more exalted views concerning their life and work in Christ's kingdom. Such intensive spiritual growth in even a few, is a

greater asset in our work than the increase in general religious knowledge which certainly also is a fruit of attendance in these classes.

"The Boys' Central School has been called the crown of the educational work of the Mission. Rows and rows of the gems set into it change from year to year as the classes come and go: received often very much in the rough, they are furbished and polished; they are reset into other scholastic crowns; and when they have acquired additional qualities of reflecting and refracting in manifold ways the light of Christian truth and of general knowledge, they are put into circles in which the pure gold of Christianity forms unique alloys with heathen elements and in which often in solitary places amid the bare misery or the tinselled dross of heathendom, they are to shine and glow through the manifold facets of their daily duties and constant contact with the light of Christ; until finally, set with everlasting lustre into the crown of Christ, 'they that turn many to righteousness shall shine as the stars for ever and ever.' Our Central School is truly a storehouse of vast possibilities. Only about two weeks before this present writing we were at a service in the primitive nine-by-nine foot school house of a hitherto purely heathen village. We are sure that angels hovered over that poor thatched roof and blessed the name of the young man who, having had to leave the Central School years ago with the education that could then be given to a ten-year-old boy, began a little school about twelve months ago, and taught and preached the Word of God, until on the day of our visit he saw the first fruits of his work,—three families numbering seven adults and five children, offered to the Lord in Holy Baptism. A few days later, at the harvest festival of a long-established Christian congregation a young man came into the prayer-house followed by nearly thirty children who were his pupils. He too had long ago left the Central School without finishing the course. He had been in Rangoon; but a few months ago he had in some way managed to begin a school in a heathen village against the opposition of many of the villagers who were afraid of the coming of the foreign Christ. He had prepared a few people for baptism; and now he brought them, his whole school, to show them to the missionary and to ask him to take charge of the work. Thus in this village also there will be a congregation of five Christians, where otherwise there might have been for a long time to come nothing but a flourishing synagogue of Satan. When we see mere boys who, equipped with the bare rudiments of a primary grade education, having left the school perhaps against their own will and rather to their discredit, thus preach Christ with such effect, that, in spite of disadvantages and trials which are sure to follow, people turn their backs on the heathen gods and come to Christ, we can only marvel over these proofs of the inherent power of the Gospel. We, therefore, rejoice that the Lord blesses our weak efforts."

Rev. O. V. Werner was in charge of the Boys' Central School for two years, from January, 1913, to January, 1915. He says: "If of the many tasks committed to him one or the other slipped and fell by the wayside, it was because he was as one trying to carry in weak and unskilled hands a

basket piled high with more than it will hold." In January, 1915, the Rev. C. F. Kuder resumed charge of the school. Rev. O. V. Werner will supervise the work of the Tadepalligudem district during the absence of Rev. K. L. Wolters, but will for the present reside at Bhimawaram.

Concerning the Training School for Masters at Rajahmundry, of which Mr. Werner also had charge, he says: "While the rush of Hindu students to this school has been as great as ever, a marked decrease is noticeable in the number of Christian teachers undergoing training in the school. Most of our mission workers who are to be trained have finished the course, and each year there are less to send to the school. A fourth class has been added to comply with a new government regulation." Mr. Werner had charge of the school for one year and in January, 1915, the Rev. A. F. A. Neudoerffer again took charge of it.

High School for Boys at Peddapur.

Soon after his arrival in India Prof. Hiram H. Sipes, Jr., took charge of work in connection with the High School for boys at Peddapur, concerning which he writes as follows: "During the past two years the work of this institution has developed encouragingly in every department. In the year 1912-1913 the total enrollment was 468. This number rose to 532 in 1914-1915 and for the present term there were enrolled 640 boys. From this it can be seen that we have enjoyed a steady and substantial growth. In keeping with the increased enrollment the managers have sought to improve the efficiency of the school and on the whole have been successful. In July, 1913, the school was fortunate in securing the services of a fully qualified and competent Christian headmaster. He has proven a great aid to the work. He is an earnest Christian and has done much to give the school a real missionary atmosphere.

"During the past biennium the income of the school has increased to such an extent that we have been able to carry on the work and at the same time to add a number of improvements without calling on the mission treasury for additional funds. Government has given a number of special grants, and the outlook of the school, so far as finances are concerned, need cause no fears. At present we are building a wall around our property. For this work we will receive half of the cost in the shape of a special grant, and the remainder will be paid from the income of the school during the current year.

"The religious work has been carried on with regularity by two Bible teachers and the manager. We have endeavored to outline a course of instruction so that the boys may get an intelligent grasp of Christianity and its fundamental teachings. Examinations are held in the Bible classes as in other subjects and we are enforcing the rule that boys must receive a passing mark in the Bible in order to be eligible for promotion. The Christian boys have been making their influence felt in every phase of the activities of the school. In mental attainments they have acquitted themselves with credit and in athletics they have far outdistanced the

Hindu boys. Last year the caste boys objected to playing in games with our low caste Christian boys, but this year that difficulty has not been presented. Slowly but surely the lines of caste distinction are being obliterated, and India, though with halting tongue is learning that worth not birth makes the man.

"The first and greatest need of the school is a hostel, or dormitory. At present our Christian boys are very poorly housed. This has caused much sickness. The second greatest need is another school building. At present every class room is overcrowded and we are using the verandas for some of the classes. We should have an additional recitation building large enough to accommodate at least 350 boys. This would give us facilities for 1,000 students. During the past year we were compelled to turn away a number of boys because we did not have the necessary seats. At present our school has the good will and confidence of the community, and we feel that the best way to hold them is to enlarge our school, and thus be better prepared to serve them and at the same time be better equipped to reach a greater number with the Gospel.

"As we review the work of the past two years we cannot but feel grateful to God for his manifest blessings. It is our earnest prayer that He may lead and direct us by His Holy Spirit so that we may be able to carry on the work here to His glory and to the upbuilding of the kingdom of our Lord, the Saviour, Jesus Christ."

Girls' Central School.

"The Girls' Central School has completed twenty years of its history," writes Miss Agnes I. Schade. "To one who has watched the work and development of the school it is interesting to compare the present condition with what it was twenty years ago. Whether with reference to the teaching staff, the numerical strength of the school, the development of the work or the buildings, it can be said there has been progress all along the line. Twenty years of Christian education for Christian girls in a heathen land! What that means for this Mission will be realized more and more as the years go by. The school is a power for good, but its influence could be augmented if the girls could be closely followed up, guided and helped in their life-work. The Mission is still waiting for women to come from America and help in the extension of the usefulness of this work by following it up throughout all of the mission districts, where, indeed, the fields are white already to harvest and where a goodly number of workers are available for such work.

"The total cost of this institution during the two years under review was Rs. 11,940-13-5, or about \$3,981.00. The local income from government grants and boarding fees was Rs. 2,886-14-0, or nearly one-fourth of the total cost.

"Plans are being laid for the further development of the work, and trusting for continued help, guidance and blessing from God, we predict for the school a bright future."

Hindu Girls' Schools.

During Miss Weiskotten's absence on furlough the work of supervising the Hindu Girls' Schools has been in the hands of Miss Mary S. Borthwick, who writes as follows: "In 1882 the first Christian school for Hindu girls in Rajahmundry was opened in Riverdale compound by Mrs. H. C. Schmidt. We now have seven schools for Hindu girls with an enrollment of 420 pupils. This means an increase since the last biennial report as follows: one school, three teachers and sixty pupils.

"During the last two years we have purchased Bethlehem School property at a cost of Rs. 4,500 (\$1,333). The house was altered to meet our needs and is a credit to the Mission. Some of our neighbors in that locality were not very well pleased to have us as a fixture in the neighborhood. They are very orthodox Hindus, who are opposed to our work. The attendance in this, the largest of the schools, shows, however, that there are many who do appreciate our efforts to educate their girls, though they may criticize the religious instruction.

"In December, 1912, a school site was purchased in the Verabhadrapuram section of the town for Rs. 487 (\$163). A building must be erected here, but it has been deemed advisable to first rent a building. After the school has been in operation for some time we will be in a position to determine how large a building is needed. We hope to open this new school in June, 1915. We now own five of the seven buildings in which our schools are housed.

"One of our rented buildings, the one at Jamipetta, is not at all adapted to our use. The rooms are small and badly ventilated, and the only playground for the children is the street. We ought to purchase a site and erect a building. The school at Olcott's Garden is also housed in a rented building, which, however, meets our present requirements. This is our newest school and is located in a community where there was no school for girls. It, therefore, fills an important place in the neighborhood and the children attend more regularly than in some of the older schools. Aryapuram school building is in a very dangerous condition, due to the treacherous nature of the soil on which it was built. We were compelled to close the building in June, 1914, and the number enrolled has fallen off very much. Some of the children have been attending Riverdale School. The donor of the present building, Mr. A. Achutaramiah, wishes the house restored to its original condition. This would cost hundreds of rupees, and the builders say that the soil is such that even though we spent large sums of money the house would again fall into the same condition. In order to avoid unpleasant feelings we must consult Mr. Achutaramiah before taking any further steps.

"Magalavarampetta School has been much improved by the addition of a spacious assembly room. Unfortunately this school has been one of the worst sufferers from the diseases which have been so prevalent this year. The attendance has fallen off and we have dispensed with the services of one of the teachers. Riverdale and Lackshmivarampetta Schools have continued their work with about the usual number of pupils. Undoubtedly

there is much room for the Hindu Girls' Schools to multiply. One sees many children of school age running about in the streets! We ought to open more schools in this town and it is surely time for us to do something for the Hindu girls in the districts. The Hindu Girls' Schools make it easier for us to gain an entrance into the zenanas.

"Quite an important part of our work is that which is done in the Sunday-schools. We have an attendance of about 280 children in the seven Sunday-schools and a large number of them are boys. This is an encouraging feature of the work as it offers us the only means at present of reaching the boys.

"If results are measured only by the number of conversions, there are none to record for the work of thirty-two years done in the Hindu Girls' Schools. Our zenana workers, however, can testify that some of the seed sown in these schools has borne fruit. We will go on patiently working and praying, knowing that the harvest will surely come."

Zenana Work.

After Miss Sigrid Esberhn left Rajahmundry, in the spring of 1914, the entire burden of the work in the zenanas rested on the shoulders of Miss Susan E. Monroe, who, our readers will remember, is working in our Mission at her own expense. She writes: "On June 23, 1913, two middle-aged women from Berhampore, some distance north of Rajahmundry, were brought to us by one of my Bible women with the intimation that they desired to become Christians. After considerable questioning by several of the missionaries it was decided to receive them on trial. Dr. Rohrer-Neudoerffer granted them admission to the Hospital. One had a severe cough; neither looked strong. Under treatment, however, they regained health and by willing application they made themselves very useful at the Hospital. Then, together with a young Brahman woman who had come to the Hospital, they were placed under competent instruction and with another young woman from Dowlaishwaram, they were received into membership in St. Paul's Church, Rajahmundry, September 21, 1913. All have been faithful to their vows. With the exception of the Brahman woman we cannot claim them as our converts, because they were impressed with the Gospel before they came under our care.

"Since July 1, 1913, M. Emelie relinquished her work as a Bible woman. Having been a teacher of the primary class in our Boys' Central School for many years, she now receives the small pension of \$1.00 a month, and this together with Rs. 1 (33 cents) from the Widows' Fund gives her a very modest support.

"Kovur, the town on the other side of the Godaveri River opposite Rajahmundry, continues to receive our visits. We no longer feel like strangers there as we walk along the roads or ask admission to the houses. The children smile at us and say 'Salaam' and often men stop us and ask for literature with apparent interest. We now confine our teaching entirely to Sudra homes. For a time we divided the day spent there be-

tween the Malas and the Sudras. As the desire for teaching seemed to be greater in the houses of the latter and as our mission school is located among the Malas, to which they may come for instruction in the Gospel, we decided to go only to the Sudras.

"In Dowlaishwaram, five miles from Rajahmundry, the work continues as usual. J. Annamma, who has been connected with the work in Dowlaishwaram, and B. Martha (since the beginning of 1915) are the Bible women there.

"On August 5, 1913, Ch. Sundaramma, one of our most faithful teachers, passed from earth. On May 22, 1914, P. Salome, who found her chief joy in the zenana work, went to her eternal reward. They fell asleep in Jesus.

"At the end of February, 1914, the school for the Training of Bible Women under Miss Esberhn was closed and certificates were awarded to four of the women. One of them, G. Martha, at the request of the missionary from whose district she has come, was sent to the Hospital to be trained as a nurse. The other three, M. Karuna, G. Saramma and A. Ruth, were placed under me for service in Bible teaching to take the places of the three who had passed from earth.

"It is my ambition to extend the work in the zenanas to other towns and villages. I wanted to do this in 1914 but beyond a little teaching in Oortalanka near the Boys' Central School, and a mere beginning in Katair, three miles away, we hold only our former ground. At the close of 1914 the work stood as follows:

Bible Women	Places of Teaching.
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| 1. T. Ruth..... | Old Rajahmundry and Kovur. |
| 2. N. Deborah... | Vicinity of St. Paul's church and Lackshmivarampetta. |
| 3. J. Annamma... | Dowlaishwaram. |
| 4. K. Mary..... | Near Government Hospital and Streets leading from Godaveri to the beginning of the bazaar. |
| 5. G. Elizamma.. | Aryapuram and Verbhadrapuram. |
| 6. M. Karuna.... | Among wives of policemen both in town and those employed in the jail; also houses in Lakshmivarampetta. |
| 7. G. Saramma... | Houses of weavers and shepherd caste; also Oortalanka. |
| 8. A. Ruth.... | Near Godaveri station, Innespet, Mangalavarapetta. |

"The Saturday morning class for the wives of teachers in Rajahmundry for training continues to meet regularly. The lessons taught have been taken from Loche's catechism and from Bible Teaching by Dr. Stump, translated and edited by Dr. J. Aberly of the Guntur Mission. The class numbers about twenty, but as most of them have children in arms and often lead an older child by the hand when they come to class, it is not surprising that the attendance is not as regular as desired. Quite a number are not able to read and must depend on what they hear for their instruction.

"We again appeal for more women missionaries for the zenana work, for the girls' schools and for the medical work. Great is our need for qualified Christian teachers. We anxiously await your response to our urgent plea to serve the Lord Jesus in this great harvest field."

MEDICAL WORK.

In December, 1913, Dr. Betty A. Nilsson left Rajahmundry on sick leave and furlough and until her return to India in February, 1915, the Medical work was done by only one missionary, Dr. Amy B. Rohrer, who writes concerning it as follows: "The period from October 1, 1914, to December 31, 1914, was a very busy season, the last quarter of a very busy year. In spite of the fact that the Hospital was closed during the month of June, 801 in-patients were registered for the entire year. Very little surgery was done and no eye-work to speak of, so that it is quite safe to say that if there had been another doctor we could easily have had 1,000 patients. The Dispensary work was done in the hospital building, daily except Sunday. This was not a satisfactory arrangement so far as the public was concerned, but personally I felt unable to do anything else. The municipality asked me repeatedly if the dispensary in town would be opened again. I assured them that it would after Dr. Nilsson's return. In spite of my assurance they decided to appoint a lady apothecary at the Municipal Hospital. An official letter from the Civil Surgeon, acting for the municipality, was received, asking the same question, and after my reply in black and white the request for a lady apothecary was withdrawn. There was other further complaint because of my refusal to treat patients in their homes. The cash fee of Rs. 5 could easily have been collected; but only such patients as were actually bedridden were visited by me, and that only once for examination or consultation. An epidemic of trachoma in the boarding schools and in the town kept us very busy. Over 125 children and adults were operated on for granular lids and we are glad to be able to report that the results were most satisfactory.

"During the month of December we were honored by a visit from His Excellency Lord Pentland, Governor of Madras Presidency, who was accompanied by his staff and the Collector of the Godaveri District. To my knowledge we have never had so interested and sympathetic a visitor in the hospital. The entire company was loud in its praises of the hospital work. One of the six newspaper reporters said, 'I suppose you receive patients only from the lowest castes and classes of people!' I took him from one bed to another showing him in turn the wife of a retired inspector of schools and a member of the Rajahmundry municipal council. Then I showed him the sister of one of the prominent lawyers in town; then a ward of twelve beds, eleven of which were occupied by Brahmin women, who showed by their beautiful dresses and many jewels that they came from wealthy families. Then I took him to the next ward where there were Mohammedan women patients, who peeped through the lattice of their Gosha garb. Then I showed him some Madiga patients and a

gypsy and then the Europeans' private room. The report of the visit which appeared later showed that this reporter had changed his mind.

"The Surgeon General also paid us a visit, and peeked into every nook and corner, after which he said, 'Mission Hospitals are always conducted better than Government Hospitals.' He is right. With an adequate staff of doctors and nurses, with a training school for nurses, with better trained Bible women and with a corps of Zenana workers in Rajahmundry and in the districts the possibilities for the people of India and for the service of God are infinite.

"From January 1 to February 28, 1915, the work in the hospital was comparatively light. I took into the hospital only those patients whom I could not keep out, sending those who needed surgical treatment to neighboring hospitals at the end of February. I found it necessary to 'lay down my arms.' I shall always feel grateful to the physicians of the Guntur Hospital and of the General Hospital in Madras for aborting what according to diagnosis and prognosis was a very serious ailment. They were very kind to me in my illness.

"Personally it was a very great joy to me to hear of Dr. Nilsson's safe arrival in India. The Mission and the people of Rajahmundry were happy to see her again. The Medical work here has indeed a wonderful field and great latent possibilities for the kingdom of God.

"I shall just add a word about our Converts' Home. Although an adopted child of the Medical Department, it has been lovingly cared for. Lackshmi, formerly a Brahmin, has become the wife of a catechist. Jayamma, the younger of the two sisters, is a quiet, steady worker in the hospital. Rangamma, the elder sister, has quite a gift as a manager and looks after affairs in the kitchen and go-downs. She believes in home products, and is raising chickens and ducks, hatched from eggs and hens given by patients.

"There is certainly a loud call for more aggressive work and more definite prayer in behalf of the neglected class of widows in India."

PART III.

THE MISSION IN BURMA.

Catechist A. Anandappan has continued his work in Rangoon, Burma, under the general oversight of Rev. Ernst Neudoerffer. He wrote a full report for the year 1914, of which the following paragraphs are extracts:

"The third year of my work in Rangoon has passed away. As I look back I rejoice in all that has been wrought in the power of the Holy Ghost.

"Last year I tried street preaching but I found little gain in that way, and this year I followed the 'one-by-one' method. I not only persistently followed it, but pressed it upon all the Christians; and I thankfully acknowledge the good work done by some of them.

"I obtained 30 souls for my Lord, so that the total number of the members of the congregation now is 350. The Rev. S. Muthuswami (native

pastor of the Leipsic Mission) was good enough to administer the holy sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper. The latter he administered three times this year to our Christians who were especially prepared to approach the Lord's table. On these occasions Rs. 7-3-3 were collected for the Tamil Leipsic Lutheran Mission.

"Though the year has been a black one, full of trials, temptations, accidents and poisonous fevers and break of work on account of the present war, such as the world has never witnessed, yet God has brought us through safe and given us the victory. And when the time shall come for the strife and toil, the tumults and wars, the tears and groans of creation to end forever, then shall come the jubilee, the grand coronation song shall be sung by the resurrected redeemed hosts of the Lord, saying, 'Thou art worthy to take the book and to open the seals thereof; for Thou wast slain and hast redeemed us to God by Thy blood out of every kindred and tongue and people and nation; and hast made us unto our God, kings and priests; and we shall reign on the earth.'"

The native pastor mentioned in this report is in the service of the Leipsic Lutheran Mission. Without question the work in Rangoon would prosper and be extended more rapidly if we had an ordained man of our own Telugu field at work in that city, and a chapel in which he could hold services and use as a centre of work.

PART IV.

THE JAPAN MISSION.

During the past two years we have had two missionaries in Japan, the Rev. Frisby D. Smith at Tokyo and the Rev. Edward T. Horn at Kumamoto. The latter gave up his position as professor of English in the Kyushu Gakuin at the close of the school year in the Spring of 1915 and will devote himself to evangelistic work in the city of Nagoya, which has been chosen as the second station of the General Council's Mission in Japan.

Concerning the work in Tokyo Mr. Smith reports as follows:

Location.—The location of our work at present is in the northern part of the city, not far from the Imperial University, and within easy reach of many other government and private schools. The two Japanese houses which serve as a home for the evangelist and his family, a chapel, and a dormitory are situated at No. 3 Tosakimachi, Koishikawa-Ku, while the semi-Japanese house in which the missionary and his family have lived since January, 1914, is in the adjoining ward of Hongo, not more than eight minutes' walk distant. This general neighborhood, with the exception of one or two large estates, and a small slum section along the line dividing the two wards, is the home of middle class people and student dormitories. Walk along any of the streets and you will be sure to meet students and to pass cheap boarding houses where many of them make their homes.

Our Dormitory.—Our dormitory began in the late fall of 1912 with four students who occupied the second story of the combined chapel and

parsonage. Later on there were times when there were as many as six men living in those two upstairs rooms in spite of the fact that there is really accommodation for only four. At the beginning of 1914, an additional house was rented, so that the capacity of our dormitory was more than doubled, and we could take in as many as 12 or 13 students. Although we have never made any special effort to advertise this work, since the first of last April, at least 45 applicants have been refused because of the lack of room. This makes us believe that, if we only had the building, we could now be maintaining a Christian hostel for at least 50 young men.

The Dormitory has few rules, but is conducted rather in a homelike fashion with Pastor and Mrs. Yamanouchi as father and mother. All eat at the same table. Pastor Yamanouchi has charge of the funds of most of the students, keeping a separate account with each one. Daily prayers are on the order of family worship, and are well attended. Because of the fact that the students belong to different schools and must leave home at different hours in the morning, the daily prayers are conducted in the evening after supper.

The dormitory is called the "Choseigakusha." This means "hear—voice—student—house." Those who gave it this name had in mind the words of the writer to the Hebrews in Heb. 4:7.

We feel that some facts and figures in regard to our students may be of interest. Since the beginning of the dormitory, 31 men have been admitted. Of this number, 26 were of university (Dai Gakko) grade and 5 middle school (Chu Gakko) grade; 8 were already Christians; 3 came from Christian parents. The average age of all these young men at the time of entering was between 20 and 21 years.

Divine Services.—During the past year, the average attendance at the morning service has been about 25, half of which number are occupants of the dormitory. This number fills our chapel room, so that we can not well increase our attendance without enlarging our place of worship. The voluntary offerings received at this Sunday morning service from Dec. 1, 1913, to Jan. 1, 1915, amounted to Yen 139.90.

The attendance at the evening service has been almost as large as in the morning. During the winter months, there was also a Wednesday evening service at which we had an invited speaker once each month.

Mention should also be made of particularly well attended special services on Reformation Day, Christmas, Ash Wednesday, and throughout Holy Week.

Bible Classes and Sunday-school.—Our three adult Bible Classes now have an enrollment of 52 and an average attendance of between 30 and 40. Two of these classes meet on Sunday morning at the chapel; one is in Japanese and is taught by the pastor, and the other is in English and is taught by the missionary. On Thursday evening, another English Bible Class meets at the home of the missionary, and is attended by some young men who do not come to our chapel.

A Sunday-school for children between the ages of 6 and 12 has an en-

rollment of 30, and an average attendance of 20 or more. These children come from the better families in the immediate neighborhood and are about all for which we have room in our present building. Mrs. Smith has the oversight of this work.

Membership.—The total number of those who communed during the year 1914 is 21; four other baptized Lutherans are in the city, but they are very difficult to reach. Five adults were received into the Church, 2 by baptism and 3 by confirmation. There are quite a number of interested inquirers and Bible students whom we hope to baptize in due time.

Theological Candidates.—One, K. Shiina San, has taken up preparatory work in the Uyemura Theological School in Tokyo, and is receiving support from the Mission. Another, Abe San, has also announced his intention of studying theology after completing his present university course. As yet, he has not applied to the Mission for support of any kind, but we believe that he would make a most suitable candidate, and pray that he may not change his mind nor swerve from his holy purpose.

A report of the work of 1914 would not be complete if we did not refer to the valuable help and goodly fellowship of Misses Akard and Bowers of the United Synod Mission. These ladies have been most faithful and efficient and always unfailing in their interest and help in our local work.

PRESENT NEEDS OF TOKYO STATION.

The needs of our station in Tokyo ought to be apparent to anyone who reads the foregoing report. Our work has reached a point where we can not continue to make progress without securing larger and more suitable buildings. We need a dormitory large enough for at least 50 students, and a chapel which will seat several hundred people. Such an equipment will cost a considerable sum of money, but it will be an excellent investment for Mission funds.

The object of all Christian academic education on foreign mission fields in Japan is to lead young men and women to Christ and into the way of Christian service. This being so, the dormitories and the chapel are the most important buildings on any mission school campus. But, in order to have a dormitory and a chapel, a mission must usually go to the expense of establishing and maintaining a strong and up-to-date school complete in all its departments. The real object of a mission is not to teach English nor science but to *preach Christ*, yet, it must usually go to the expense of the one in order to do the other. In Tokyo, however, conditions are different from those which obtain in smaller cities. The students are *already here*. Thousands of them have come from various parts of the empire to this center of learning. The town is full of them. We do not have to build and maintain a school in order to bait them. All we need is a *dormitory* and they will come to us gladly. Is not this cheaper than building a school and ought we not to take advantage of this great opportunity?

It is our earnest hope and prayer, therefore, that we may soon be able to buy a suitable site and put up the desired buildings.

A second preaching place and Sunday-school was opened on February 1, 1915, on another street in a different part of Tokyo, the attendance at the school reaching the surprising number of 120 on the opening Sunday.

CO-OPERATION IN THE KYUSHU GAKUIN, KUMAMOTO, JAPAN.

The Board required of its missionary in the school at Kumamoto, Rev. Edward T. Horn, that he submit regular reports of the status and needs of this school, in which he was the teacher of English, and he kept the Board fully informed. It will not be necessary in this connection, however, to enter into details concerning the history and work of this school, which is under the control of the Mission of the United Synod in the South.

Mr. Horn reported that on April 10, 1915, the Kyushu Gakuin formally opened its fifth year of actual operation with the entrance of a new class. There are now five classes and the total enrollment of students is 500. The total number of Japanese teachers is 24. Including the new teachers the percentage of Christian instructors at present is sixty-five per cent.

"The religious work," writes Mr. Horn, "has been conducted as formerly, with weekly Bible classes and common worship on each Sunday morning. Special meetings with invited speakers have occasionally served to increase the impression made by the regular instruction. The chapel building was to have been begun last year, but has been delayed on account of the greatly increased cost of building material since the outbreak of the great war. The erection of a theological hall has also been promised before the summer of 1916. Another pressing need of the school is more dormitory accommodation. The school continues to enjoy a good reputation among the Japanese and its religious work and results have attracted the attention of other denominations.

"The religious statistics which I shall now give are only to the end of the last school year, that is, to the end of March, 1915, as it is not fair to include in such statistics the new students who have just entered. By omitting them it will be possible to give a truer estimate of the success that the school has had in making converts during the first four years of its operations. To the end of March, 1915, the number of students was 370; the number of Christians, 76, or 20 per cent. The number of students who professed sympathy with Christianity was 146."

The following quotation from a letter written by the Rev. C. L. Brown, D.D., Dean of the school, dated April, 1915, will prove interesting: "I have written you before that our custom is to work quietly during the school year. Some two months before the close, the whole student body is assembled, and those who have become interested and wish to be called inquirers or to be baptized, are invited to write their names on a slip of paper. Last year there were 40 who handed in their names, 15 of whom I baptized after the instruction in the catechism.

"When the test came for the results of the present school year, all that was expected was an increase over last year, but no strikingly large increase. We had underestimated the power of God and His blessing on

the Church that obeys the vision. You will be glad to know that 189 boys out of a total of 370 handed in their names. These then were asked to stand in token of their desire to become Christians. I baptized 34 of these boys last Sunday, and two weeks hence will baptize nine others. Total forty-three.

"Nor does the story end here. Some of our teachers are non-Christian men. Good men they were, and we waited patiently to welcome them into the Church. Three of them stood in line last Sunday and were baptized into the Church. Two others came forward and wished us to look upon them as Christian men, but for the sake of aged parents, whose hearts would be saddened to death if their sons became Christians, they wished to defer their baptism to a later date."

PART V.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS

JULY 1, 1913 TO JUNE 30, 1915.

Receipts.

Balance on hand, July 1, 1913 \$19,940 32

Cash received and acknowledged in "The Foreign
Missionary" and "Missionsbote":

Ministerium of Pennsylvania	\$46,759 85
Augustana Synod	45,968 50
Pittsburgh Synod	13,420 48
New York and New England Synod	11,449 60
New York Ministerium	7,738 64
District Synod of Ohio	3,837 81
Canada Synod	2,559 38
Synod of the Northwest	2,375 69
Chicago Synod	1,680 34
Icelandic Synod	910 00
Synod of Central Canada	831 80
Iowa Synod	783 49
Nova Scotia Synod	579 41
Manitoba Synod	550 00
Pacific Synod	15 00
Porto Rico	120 82
Miscellaneous	6,056 93
W. M. Soc. of General Council	3,204 89
Hon. Wm. H. Staake, Treas. G. C. Trustees..	7,148 61
Manager "Missionsbote"	2,016 15
Legacies	5,987 71

Intèrest on deposits	904 18	
Gift for Dr. Amy B. Neudoerffer	50 00	
		*\$164,949 28
C. Bahnsen for Breklum Mission	19,680 00	
Rev. F. Holter for Gossner Mission	650 00	
Joint Synod of Ohio for Hermannsburg Mission.....	10,133 00	
Total	\$215,352 60	

Disbursements.

To the Treasurer in India by drafts to Chairman of Executive Committee :

General Expenses to Oct. 1, 1915	\$45,350 00	
Kotagiri House and furniture	3,586 66	
Emergency Fund	3,105 83	
Sites for Caste Girls' Schools	2,618 00	
Peddapur Bungalow	2,500 00	
Bungalow G. C. School	2,000 00	
Dispensary site	2,000 00	
Enlargement G. C. School	1,425 00	
Dormitory for Theological Students	1,000 00	
Vacation expenses	650 00	
Proceeds of lace	639 89	
Completion of Samulkot Bungalow	350 00	
Repair of Bhimawaram Church	333 33	
Site at Narsapur	333 33	
School for children of Missionaries	300 00	
Repair of Augustana Boat	200 00	
Property near G. C. School	133 00	
Repair of well at Jaggampet	100 00	
Repair of G. C. School	100 00	
Gift of American Tract Society for Literature..	100 00	
Gift to Polli Venkanna	5 00	
Sundry expenses	785 99	
		\$67,616 03
Breklum Mission	19,680 00	
Hermannsburg Mission	10,249 48	
Gossner Mission	776 48	
Leipsic Mission	272 13	
German Missions	3,850 00	

*In this amount are included from the different Synods: \$3,866.77 for German Missions; \$824.23 for Breklum Mission; \$272.13 for Leipsic Mission; \$126.48 for Gossner Mission; \$116.48 for Hermannsburg Mission, leaving the balance of \$159,743.19 for our fields.

Rev. R. Arps

Salary to Oct. 1, 1915	\$2,700 00	
Children's allowance	100 00	
Horse allowance	160 00	
Expenses to India (Annie M. Arps)	300 00	
		3,260 00

Rev. H. E. Isaacson, D.D.

Salary	\$1,575 00	
Children's allowance	625 00	
Horse allowance	80 00	
Expenses in America	100 50	
Expenses to India	360 00	
		2,740 50

Mrs. H. E. Isaacson

Allowance to Oct. 1, 1915	\$ 775 00	
Children's allowance	375 00	
		1,150 00

Rev. C. F. Kuder

Salary to Oct. 1, 1915	\$2,775 00	
Children's allowance	999 65	
Expenses in America	530 36	
Expenses to India	1,037 63	
Outfit (Mrs. Kuder)	100 00	
		5,442 64

Rev. Ernst Neudoerffer

Salary to Oct. 1, 1915	\$2,550 00	
Horse allowance	140 00	
		2,690 00

Rev. O. O. Eckardt

Salary to Oct. 1, 1915	\$1,875 00	
Horse allowance	40 00	
Expenses to America	700 00	
Expenses in America	482 49	
		3,097 49

Rev. O. L. Larson

Salary to Oct. 1, 1915	\$1,875 00	
Horse allowance	40 00	
Expenses to America	891 00	
Expenses in America	210 89	
		3,016 89

Rev. K. Wolters

Salary to July 1, 1915	\$1,550 00	
Horse allowance	100 00	
Expenses to America	350 00	
Balance due	12	
		2,000 12

Rev. O. V. Werner

Salary to Oct. 1, 1915	\$1,875 00	
Horse allowance	120 00	
		1,995 00

Rev. F. W. Schaefer

Salary to Oct. 1, 1915	\$ 915 62	
Expenses to America	306 23	
Expenses in America	54 52	
		1,276 37

Rev. A. F. A. Neudoerffer

Salary to Oct. 1, 1915		1,608 00
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Rev. Thure Holmer

Salary to Oct. 1, 1915		1,795 00
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Prof. H. H. Sipes

Salary to Oct. 1, 1915	\$1,566 67	
Expenses in America	35 00	
Expenses to India	680 00	
Outfit (two)	200 00	
		2,481 67

Rev. F. Coleman

Salary to Oct. 1, 1915	\$ 715 00	
Expenses in America	81 57	
Expenses to India	567 00	
Outfit (two)	200 00	
		1,563 57

Rev. E. A. Olson

Salary to Oct. 1, 1915	\$ 350 00	
Expenses in America	80 00	
Expenses to India	310 60	
Outfit	100 00	
		840 60

Lydia Woerner, M. D.

Salary		600 00
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Agnes I. Schade

Salary to Oct. 1, 1915	\$1,500 00	
Horse allowance	160 00	
		1,660 00

Emilie L. Weiskotten

Salary to October 1, 1915	\$1,112 50	
Expenses to America	350 00	
Expenses in America	179 14	
Expenses to India	450 00	
		2,091 64

Amy B. Rohrer, M.D.

Salary	\$ 500 00	
Gift transmitted	50 00	
		550 00

Betty Nilsson, M.D.

Salary to Oct. 1, 1915	\$1,047 92	
Expenses in America	109 19	
Expenses to India	274 75	
		1,431 86

Sigrid Esbehrn

Salary	\$ 718 75	
Expenses to America	350 00	
Expenses in America	105 35	
		1,174 10

Agatha Tatge

Salary	\$ 593 75	
Expenses to America	350 00	
		943 75

Mary Borthwick

Salary to Oct. 1, 1915		1,000 00
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Mrs. G. Schmidt

Annuity to Oct. 1, 1915		600 00
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Rev. C. P. Tranberg

Allowance	\$ 420 00	
Expenses	119 58	
Outfit (two)	200 00	
		739 58

Rev. Sigrid Blomgren

Outfit		100 00
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Elizabeth Petrich

For Education		300 00
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Charlotte Hollerbach

Allowance	\$ 184 00	
Outfit	100 00	
		284 00

JAPAN.

Rev. F. D. Smith

Salary to Oct. 1, 1915	\$2,600 00	
Children's allowance	50 00	
Expenses in America	60 20	
Expenses to Japan	650 00	
		3,360 20

Rev. E. T. Horn, Jr.

Salary to Oct. 1, 1915	\$2,400 00	
Children's allowance	100 00	
		2,500 00

Rev. A. J. Stirewalt, Treasurer

Expenses Kyushu Gakuin	\$5,225 00	
Emergency Fund	1,000 00	
Purchase of property	500 00	
Rents, teachers' salaries, etc.	3,560 00	
		10,285 00

Rev John K. Linn

Allowance	\$ 150 00	
Outfit (two)	200 00	
		350 00

John A. Cline, Treasurer

Kyushu Gakuin Professorship	600 00	
Expenses of members of the Board attending meetings.....	1,139 30	

Rev. George Drach

Salary to August 1, 1915	\$4,000 00	
Expenses	1,031 96	
		5,031 96

James M. Snyder

Typewriting reports	\$ 40 23	
Postage	26 96	
		67 19

General Council Publication Board	2,871 21	
Investment of legacies	7,815 00	

Stoertz & Son	1,224 72
Interest on Keck legacy	28 54
Cablegrams	36 84
Mrs. Katharine Cronk (gift for G. S., Japan)	5 00
Sundry expenses	711 70
Total	\$184,903 76
Balance on hand July 1, 1915	30,448 84
	\$215,352 60

Investments held by the Treasurer:

Wm. H. Trabert foundation	\$ 500 00
Shunk Memorial	500 00
Rev. B. W. Schmauk legacy	500 00
Swenson legacy	800 00
Mary Wagner legacy	1,000 00
Geo. Wagner legacy	1,000 00
Clara Schlegelmilch legacy	1,000 00
Rev. J. Fry, D.D., fund	1,000 00
Mrs. Mary A. Ratzel legacy	2,000 00
Unknown donor legacy	2,000 00
Weiskotten Memorial Fund	2,000 00
Matilda C. Houser legacy	2,500 00

(Signed) JAMES M. SNYDER, *Treasurer.*

We have audited the above accounts and examined the securities, and find the same correct.

July 9, 1915.

(Signed) W. FREDK. MONROE,
FRANK M. RITER,
Auditing Committee.

PART VI.

Scholarships and Native Workers Supported

BOYS' SCHOLARSHIPS IN INDIA

(Corrected June 1, 1915.)

No.	Pupils.	Class.	Patrons.
1.	Vadlaparti Johann	II..	Rev. John Shunk Memorial Fund.
2.	Gidla Suvaranaratnam	..II..	Y. Ladies' Bible Class, Holy Trinity, New York.
3.	Alugu Joseph	I..	Hilda Olson, Altona, Ill.
4.	Chikkile Devadanam	I..	Sunday-school, Ascension, Mt. Airy, Phila.
5.	Deva Daniel	I..	Luther League, Bethel, San Jose, Cal.
6.	Dylapalli Isaiah	III..	Sunday-school, Holy Trinity, Buffalo, N. Y.
7.	Adidela Bhooshanam	..III..	Sunday-school, Friedens, Myerstown, Pa.
8.	Karipalli Cornelius	I..	Women's Missionary Soc., Brush Creek, Pa.
9.	Palaparti Meenasunda	...I..	Women's Missionary Soc., Salem, Minneapolis.
10.	Pallikonda Gnananandam	I..	Luther League, Leechburg, Pa.
11.	Badli Gabriel	III..	Ebenezer, Sacred Heart, Minn.
12.	Sordadasi Christian	I..	Sunday-school, New Windsor, Minn.
13.	Taluri Jesudas	I..	Boys' Helping Hand, Transfiguration, Pottstown, Pa.
14.	Torta Devadanam	III..	Bible Class, Bethany, Escanaba, Mich.
15.	Vurram Prakasem	I..	Ladies' Mission League, Zion's, Wheeling, W. Va.
16.	Taluri Luther	I..	St. Peter's, Evans City, Penna.
17.	Vagiri Amos	I..	Sunday-school, Bethel, Chicago.
18.	Geddarn Daniel	I..	Bible Class, Bethany, Escanaba, Mich.
19.	Pidakala Jesuratnam	...II..	Reformation, Milwaukee, Wis.
20.	Raya Samuel	III..	Willing Workers, Grant Center, Iowa.
21.	Betala Bhooshanam	...III..	Connecticut State Luther League.
22.	Lankapalli David	III..	Mrs. G. W. Sandt, Nativity, Philadelphia.
23.	Mylabattula Joseph	I..	The Rev. Dr. Jacob Fry Fund.
24.	Tatipaka David	I..	Women's Mission Soc., St. Michael's, Marshallsville, O.
25.	Balla Satyanandam	...III..	The Rev. Dr. Jacob Fry Fund.
26.	Pidakala Joseph	III..	Anna Johnson, Immanuel, Chicago.
27.	Taluri Sundararow	II..	Mrs. O. E. Abrahamson, Warren, Minn.
28.	Palingi Joseph	I..	S. School, St. Paul's, Pleasant Unity, Pa.
29.	Dasi James	I..	Mrs. David Garber, Allentown, Pa.
30.	Mylabattula Gamaliel	...III..	Luther League, St. John's, McKeesport, Pa.
31.	Paidi John	III..	First Church, Warren, Pa.
32.	Balla McKenzie	I..	Boys' Mission Band, Emmanuel, Pottstown, Pa.
33.	Gidla Abraham	I..	Sunday-school, First Church, Pittsburgh, Pa.
34.	Barre Martin	4..	Foreign Mission Soc., Albert City, Iowa.
35.	Manukonda Daniel	4..	Sunday-school, Swedish, Lowell, Mass.
36.	Sille Henry	4..	Mississippi District L. L., Minnesota.
37.	Vardhanapu Krupadanam	4..	Sunday-school, Transfiguration, Philadelphia.
38.	Arram Samuel	II..	Sunday-school, Transfiguration, Pottstown, Pa.
39.	Ella Krupadanam	4..	Swedish Church, Andover, Ill.
40.	Kunda Samuel	III..	Women's Mission Soc., Salem, Lebanon, Pa.
41.	Kankiparti Asirvadani	..4..	Luther League, Redeemer, Utica, N. Y.
42.	Peetala Subhamani	II..	Ladies' Aid, Holy Trinity, Jeannette, Pa.
43.	Mylabattula Srinivasarow	4..	Luther League, Christ's, West Newton, Pa.
44.	Vipparti Solomon	4..	W. M. Soc., Reformation, Rochester, N. Y.
45.	Vipparti Daniel	4..	Sunday-school, St. John's, Easton, Pa.
46.	Dylappalli Elias	4..	Sunday-school, Trinity, Buffalo.
47.	Gandi C. Asirvadani	4..	Mission Circle, Zion's, Erie, Pa.
48.	Dolla Anandam	B..	Zion's, Wilmington, Delaware.
49.	Gatala Prakasem	II..	S. S., St. Michael's, Germantown, Phila.
50.	Kakarapu Eleazar	4..	Rev. and Mrs. W. A. Sadtler, Baltimore, Md.
51.	Gatala Samuel	II..	Sibbie Shoemaker, Greensburg, Pa.
52.	Kunchelapalli Abraham	III..	Willing Workers, Boxholm, Ia.
53.	Mota Jeevaratnam	4..	Mrs. John F. Jones, Chicago.
54.	Muppidi Anandam	I..	Sunday-school, St. John's, Madrid, Iowa.
55.	Matta Jeevaratnam	III..	Bible Class, St. John's, Erie, Pa.
56.	Netala Anandam	I..	Swedish Church, Stromback, Minn.
57.	Matti Daniel	III..	Mrs. Mary K. Grafmueller, Epiphany, N. Y.
58.	Vooba John	4..	Missionary Soc., Redeemer, Buffalo.
59.	Edla Jacob	4..	Sunday-school, Salem Swedish, Chicago.
60.	Nalli Immanuel	4..	Young People's Soc., Advent, New York.
61.	Tuluri I. Devasahayam	..4..	Louisa Grimm, Allentown, Pa.
62.	Jonnakuti Prakasem	4..	Tabitha Society, Dayton, Ia.
63.	Chenampudi Jacob	4..	Sunday-school, Zion's, Easton, Pa.
64.	Gidla Devadas	4..	Luther League, Bangor, Pa.
65.	Dasi David	4..	Men's Guild, Nativity, Philadelphia.
66.	Palaparti Johann	II..	Sunday-school, First Church, Leechburg, Pa.

No.	Pupils.	Class.	Patrons.
67.	Kolli Sudharshanarow	..3..	Y. People's Miss. Soc., Zion's, Easton, Pa.
68.	Karati Cornelius	3.....	
69.	Marripudi Luther	3..	Wom. Miss. Soc., Grace, E. Stroudsburg, Pa.
70.	Meesala Samuel	3..	Bethany, Axtell, Nebraska.
71.	Pidakala Simon	II..	Meriden-Southington Churches, Connecticut.
72.	Nelaparti Sudarshanam	..3..	Sunday-school, Zion's, Easton, Pa.
73.	.....	.....	
74.	Sandi Bhooshanam	3..	Luther League, Baldur, Manitoba, Can.
75.	Palaparti Devandanam	II..	Sunday-school, Holy Trinity, Buffalo.
76.	Vijesvarapu Moses	3..	Conf. Class, 1911, Emmanuel, Minneapolis.
77.	Pidakala Jesuratnam	..II..	Father Heyer Soc., Theol. Sem., Philadelphia.
78.	.....	.....	
79.	Buditi Krupadanam	3..	Sunday-school, Manhed, Stanton, Iowa.
80.	Pattam Abraham	II..	Band of Mercy, St. John's, Erie, Pa.
81.	Patta Devasahayam	3..	Mrs. T. W. Boileau, Bustleton, Pa.
82.	Bussa Rajarow	3..	Sunday-school, Emmanuel, Germantown, Ohio.
83.	Potti Srinivasarow	II..	Luther League, Ridgway, Pa.
84.	Boosi Moses	II..	Sunday-school, Luther Memorial, Erie, Pa.
85.	Pidakala Joseph	II..	C. J. Blomberg Family, Albert City, Iowa.
86.	Ganji Joseph	II..	St. John's, Middle Lancaster, Ohio.
87.	Poturazu Immanuel	3..	W. M. Soc., St. Peter's, South Bethlehem, Pa.
88.	Gosala Gabriel	I..	Sunday-school, St. Mark's, Pennsburg, Pa.
89.	Kandru James	I..	Sunday-school, Zion's, Treverton, Pa.
90.	Balla Prabudas	I..	Sunday-school, Ansgarius, Manistee, Mich.
91.	Alerti Christian	3..	Sunday-school, Holy Communion, Philadelphia.
92.	Taluri Joseph	III..	Weiskotten Memorial Fund.
93.	Geddarn Rajarow	I..	Luther League, Christ's, Pittsburgh.
94.	.....	.....	
95.	Palli Samuel	3..	Martha E. McCully, Trinity, Lancaster, Pa.
96.	Taluri Joseph	III..	Luther League, Trinity, Norristown, Pa.
97.	Gidla Samuel	III..	Sunday-school, First Church, Greensburg, Pa.
98.	Vagapilli Anandarow	3..	Mission Band, Trinity, Bangor, Pa.
99.	Vagapilli Prasadharow	..3..	Sunday-school, St. Stephen's, Toledo, O.
100.	Ardala Daniel	3..	Member, St. Michael's, Germantown, Phila.
101.	.....	.....	
102.	.....	.....	
103.	.....	.....	
104.	Doniparti Samuel	.....	G. C. Mission League, Monaca, Pa.
105.	Nittala John Peter	II..	G. C. Mission League, Monaca, Pa.
106.	Nakka James	II..	Wom. Miss. Soc., Redeemer, Albany, N. Y.
107.	.....	.....	
108.	Rekkala Joseph	II..	J. H. Leippe, Trinity, Reading, Pa.
109.	Inaparti Luke	II..	
110.	.....	.....	
111.	Sheik Shelumiel	II..	Wom. Miss. Soc., Trinity, Reading, Pa.
112.	.....	.....	
113.	Chinnam Rajarow	I..	W. S. Mohr, Trinity, Reading, Pa.
114.	.....	.....	
115.	Dasi Daniel	III..	Hon. G. A. Endlich, Trinity, Reading, Pa.
116.	.....	.....	
117.	.....	.....	
118.	Pitta Anandam	II..	Sunday-school, Trinity, Mt. Joy, Pa.
119.	.....	.....	
120.	.....	.....	
121.	Nakka Peter	B..	John Mayer, Grace, Buffalo.
122.	.....	.....	
123.	Gorda Anandam	II..	Mission Circle, Brockton, Mass.
124.	Pidakala Devasahayam	I..	Conf. Class, 1912 Emmanuel, Minneapolis, Minn.
125.	Chindarda Jeevaratnam	II..	Sunday-school, St. Michael's, Sellersville, Pa.
126.	Mogalapu Devadanam	..II..	A widow, Ludington, Mich.
127.	Gurdaparti Prakasem	..II..	Luther League, Trinity, Phoenixville, Pa.
128.	Penumaka Daniel	4..	Luther League, First Church, Butler, Pa.
129.	Erla Prakasem	III..	Weiskotten Memorial Fund.
130.	Manukonda Jesudas	I..	Sunday-school, St. Paul's, New York.
131.	Patta Anandarow	II..	Junior Miss Soc., Trinity, Lancaster, Pa.
132.	Podimi Samuel	I..	Y. People's Soc., Albert City, Iowa.
133.	Mungamuri David	II..	Rev. H. J. Croushore, Freeburg, Pa.
134.	Irlaparti Immanuel	I..	Luther League, St. John's, Pittsburgh, Pa.
135.	.....	.....	
136.	Netaia Devadas	III..	Men's Bible Class, St. John's, Madrid, Ia.
137.	Vara Moses	II..	Weiskotten Memorial Fund.
138.	.....	.....	
139.	Betala Samuel	II..	Luther League, Trinity, Pottsville, Pa.
140.	Potti David	II..	Mrs. W. B. Grosh, Allentown, Pa.
141.	.....	.....	
142.	Gatala Samuel	II..	S. S., Franklin and Meadville, Pa.

No.	Pupils.	Class.	Patrons.
143.	.....	.....	.....
144.	Taninka Sundanadarow	.II..	Miss J. Silbert, Immanuel, Chicago.
145.	Pedavala Solomon	II..	Holy Trinity, Rockville Center, N. Y.
146.	Potti Asirvadam	I..	St. John's, Lynbrook, L. I. N. Y.

Note 1.—1. Under the Head of Class the Roman numerals stand for the respective "Forms" and the Arabic numerals for the respective "Standards" in which the pupils have studied during the school year.

2. Only those names of Patrons are inserted in the list who have paid during the past two years.

3. Omissions and mistakes should be reported to the General Secretary of the Board.

GIRLS' SCHOLARSHIPS IN INDIA

(Corrected June 1, 1915.)

No.	Pupils.	Patrons.
1.	Matte Chandravati	Sunday-school, Zion's, Johnstown, Pa.
2.	Podimi Kantamma	Arbor Vitae Soc., South Bend, Indiana.
3.	Bonta Chandravati	Ladies' Aid, Milverton, Ont., Can.
4.	Ennapu Satyavati	Bible Class, Grace, Buffalo, N. Y.
5.	Muppiri Chandrakantamma	Wom. M. Soc., St. Michael's, Allentown, Pa.
6.	Palaparti Gnanasundari	Sympathetic Circle, Reading, Pa.
7.	Giddi Ratnamma	Mission Workers, St. John's, Philadelphia.
8.	Gummadi Jemima	Miss Hess' Class, St. Mark's, Roanoke, Va.
9.	Madda Karunamma	S. S., First Church, Pittsburgh, Pa.
10.	Potumudi Chandravati	Sewing Circle, Osceola, Nebraska.
11.	Bandi Shantamma	Y. W. M. Soc., St. John's, Columbia, Pa.
12.	Vinakoti Sundaramma	W. M. Soc., Minersville, Pa.
13.	Geddamu Martha	Sunday-school, Minersville, Pa.
14.	Kandavalli Aseervadamma	Nellie Anderson, Albert City, Iowa.
15.	Karra Sundaramma	Y. Ladies' Class, S. S., Swedesburg, Iowa.
16.	Gidia Paranjotamma	Dorcas Circle, L. L., St. John's, Erie, Pa.
17.	Nutampati Ruth	Mrs. Dinkey's S. S. Class, Reformation, Rochester, N. Y.
18.	Geddamu Alice	W. M. Soc., Zion's, Niagara Falls, N. Y.
19.	Velagapalli Suvaramma	Sunday-school, Bethel, San Jose, Cal.
20.	Manukonda Dayavati	Mission Soc., Grace, Dunkirk, N. Y.
21.	Godi Siromani	Miss Peter's Class, Grace, New York.
22.	Taninki Satyanandamma	S. S., St. Michael's German, Philadelphia.
23.	Barre Manikiamma	Earnest Workers, Redeemer, Albany, N. Y.
24.	Karipelli Manikiamma	Zion's, Lunenburg, Nova Scotia.
25.	Potti Gnanasundari	Sunday-school, Grace, Newark, N. J.
26.	Betala Vajaravati	Rev. and Mrs. C. E. Olson, Boise, Idaho.
27.	Maka Dinamma	Willing Workers, Emmanuel, Minneapolis.
28.	Velagapali Kempurattamma	Women's Miss. Soc., Advent, Lancaster, Pa.
29.	Chitturi Kempurattamma	Concordia Soc., Stillwater, Minn.
30.	Koile Mary	Mrs. Ellmacher, Lancaster, Pa.
31.	Kunchedipelli Shantamma	Y. Ladies' Class, First Swedish, Rock Island, Ill.
32.	Koliabattula Shantamma	Miss Bauer, Allentown, Pa.
33.	Edi Janamma	Sunday-school, Zion's, Easton, Pa.
34.	Velagapalli Alice	Deaconess Motherhouse, Milwaukee, Wis.
35.	Arthala Doramma	Ladies' Bible Class, St. John's, Bath, Pa.
36.	Morampudi Dinamma	Junior League, Penns Station, Pa.
37.	Tuluri Minnie	Mrs. Edward Cline, Allentown, Pa.
38.	Kollabattula Kantamma	Miss A. Kaehler's Class, Holy Trinity, Buffalo.
39.	Ganta Dinamma	Sunday-school, Zion's, Johnstown, Pa.
40.	Bethala Grace	Swedish Church, Paxton, Ill.
41.	Tota Annamma	Dorcas Circle, L. L., St. John's, Erie, Pa.
42.	Ravva Vairavati	Junior League, Grace, Reading, Pa.
43.	Jalluri Sundaramma	Sunday-school, Epiphany, Pittsburgh, Pa.
44.	Garikimukkula Rhoda	Junior League, Grace, Reading, Pa.
45.	Kankelli Paranjotamma	Sister Lena Rasch, Deaconess Motherhouse, Milwaukee.
46.	Budala Paranjotamma	Miss Susan Hannah, Trinity, Reading, Pa.
47.	Pidakala Sarah	King's Daughters, Holy Trinity, Buffalo.
48.	Tota Shantamma	Mrs. J. J. Reutlinger, Resurrection, Philadelphia.
49.	Nokke Mary	Mission Band, Nellie Nelson, Dayton, Iowa.
50.	Palaparti Chandrakantamma	Y. Ladies' Soc., St. Mark's, Philadelphia.

No.	Pupils.	Patrons.
51.	Ennapu Ratnamma	Miss Etta Fackiner, Summit, N. J.
52.	Pattula Dinamma	S. F. Teleen, Ridgewood, N. J.
53.	Jereprolu Ratnamma	Wom. Missionary Soc., St. Paul's, Orwigsburg, Pa.
54.	Godi Alice	Catechumens, Christ's, Hazleton, Pa.
55.	Buditi S. Manikiamma ..	Deaconess Motherhouse, Milwaukee, Wis.
56.	Nittela Margaret	Girls' Mission Band, Christ's, Hazleton, Pa.
57.	Potla Kantamma	Swedish Church, Wakefield, Neb.
58.	Balla Mary Augusta	Women's Missionary Soc., Trinity, Danville, Pa.
59.	Metti Mary Survanamma.	Mrs. J. Lange, Grace, New York.
60.	Potti Sarah	Children's Mission Band, Miss Johnson, Immanuel, Chicago.
61.	Gidla Kantamma	Junior Workers, Grace, Youngstown, Pa.
62.	Taluri Suryakantamma..	Miss L. Kline, Grace, New York.
63.	Nakka Sundaramma	Missionary Soc., Advocate, Germantown, Phila.
64.	Manukonda S. Kantamma.	Junior Workers, Grace, Youngstown, Pa.
65.	Patta Mary	Luther League, St. Paul's, Morrisburg, Ont.
66.	Rapaka Shantamma	Wom. Missionary Soc., St. Michael's, Allentown, Pa.
67.	Polumati Annamma	Lutheran Church, Milville, N. J.
68.	Betala Dinamma	Junior Mission Soc., St. James', Reading, Pa.
69.	Taluri Sundaramma	S. S., St. Michael's German, Philadelphia.
70.	Ambati Sundaramma	Girls' Mission Band, Christ's, Hazleton, Pa.
71.	Pidkala Dinamma	Emma and Anna Norman, Swedesburg, Ia.
72.	Ambati Gnanaratnamma.	Mrs. Gustav Johnson, Osage City, Kan.
73.	Ella Kantamma	Mrs. J. A. Weyl's Class, Grace, New York.
74.	Buditi Mary	Sunday-school, Messiah, Minneapolis.
75.	Chendalada Mary	Junior C. E. Soc., Robeson, Pa.
76.	Taluri Alice	Earnest Workers, Redeemer, Albany, N. Y.
77.	Rapaka Martha	Ladies' Society, Elizabethville, Pa.
78.	Taluri Mary	Junior League, Zion's, Erie, Pa.
79.	Gollepelli Susanna	Mission Workers, St. John's, Philadelphia.
80.	Karre Satyavati	Luther League, Illinois Conference.
81.	Palaparti Mary	Sunday-school, Luther Memorial, Erie, Pa.
82.	Sandi Gnanaratnamma ..	Sister Ida Buck, Motherhouse, Milwaukee, Wis.
83.	Rapaka Chandravati	Miss Cornelius' Class, Trinity, Buffalo.
84.	Dandingi Ratnamma	Jeanette B. Lazarus, Wernersville, Pa.
85.	Kottepelli Mary	Sunday-school Class, Trinity, Buffalo.
86.	Moka Shantamma	Mrs. Hoffman, St. John's, Philadelphia.
87.	Vantabattini Kantamma.	Mrs. Hoffman, St. John's, Philadelphia.
88.	Vinakota Kantamma	L. League, St. Matthew's, Rose Bay, N. Scotia.
89.	Palaparti Sundaramma..	Mission Band, St. Michael's, Allentown, Pa.
90.	Tuluri Krupavati	L. League, St. Mark's, Rose Bay, N. Scotia.
91.	Kottepelli Kantamma ...	Women's Mission Soc., St. Luke's, Allentown, Pa.
92.	Mangamu Annamma	Sisters Clara and Wilhelmina, Milwaukee, Wis.
93.	Dukkupati Manikiamma..	Sunday-school, Luther Memorial, Erie, Pa.
94.	Gidla Karunamma	O. G. Anderson, Augustana, Sioux City, Ia.
95.	Erlapati Sunandahatam- ma	Linnea Society, Lake City, Ill.
96.	Vurra Mary	Bible Class, S. S., Marathon, Ia.
97.	Vurra Martha	Sunday-school, First Church, Pittsburgh, Pa.
98.	Vepuri Julia	Industrial School, Advent, New York City.
99.	Tuluri Rahel	Sunday-school, Trinity, Mt. Joy, Pa.
100.	Mailabattula Karuna	Luther League, Zion's, Greensburg, Pa.
101.	Palaparti Kempurattam- ma	Sister Martha Genskie, Motherhouse, Milwaukee.
102.	Chendalada Miriam	Wom. Miss. Soc., Incarnation, Phila.
103.	Tadiparti Kantamma	Luther League, Dushore, Pa.
104.	Taluri Kantamma	Sunday-school, Salem, Rockford, Ill.
105.	Redemelli Kantamma ...	Junior Mission Band, Jeannette, Pa.
106.	Boosi Neelavati	Dorcas Society, Des Moines, Ia.
107.	Adangi Satyavati	Sunday-school, Holy Communion, Phila.
108.	Boosi Aseervadamma	Ladies' Society, First Church, Pittsburgh, Pa.
109.	Manukonda Dayavati ...	Mission Circle, Zion's, Erie, Pa.
110.	Erram Sundaramma	Mission Circle, Grace, Rochester, N. Y.
111.	Buditi Catharine	Mission Circle, Grace, Rochester, N. Y.
112.	Kolle Mary	Sunday-school, Minersville, Pa.
113.	Talluri Juliamma	Mission Band, Jerusalem, Schwenksville, Pa.
114.	Chinnam Mary	Luther League, Vandalia, Ill.
115.	Kollabattula Ratnamma.	Temple Children, St. Peter's, North Wales, Pa.
116.	Aridella Aseervadamma..	Wom. Miss. Soc., Emmanuel, Pottstown, Pa.
117.	Potti Mary	Alma Mission Soc., Mead, Neb.
118.	Villuri Neelavati	Ladies' Aid, Swedish Ch., Mist, Oregon.
119.	Kusimi Lydia	Flora I. Heber, Redeemer, Utica, N. Y.
120.	Bera Krupavati	Wom. Miss. Soc., St. John's, Auburn, Pa.
121.	Madika Jessica	Wom. Miss. Soc., St. John's, Allentown, Pa.
122.	Maka Kantamma	Women's Bible Class, Unity, Manor, Pa.

No.	Pupils.	Patrons.
123.	Veravalli Sundaramma...	Mary A. Henrich, Trinity, Buffalo, N. Y.
124.	Geddamu Prasadhamma.	Dorcas Society, Des Moines, Ia.
125.	Velagapalli Mary	Salena Becker, Williamsburg, Ont., Can.
126.	Kayala Velugu	Mrs. Moreland's Class, Madrid, Ia.
127.	Mallipuvala Anantamma.	Ladies' Soc., St. John's, Zanesville, O.
128.	Kondeti Kantamma	Luther League, St. John's, Homestead, Pa.
129.	Chikiti Soubhagyamma ..	Sorosis Soc., Dahlsborg, S. Dakota.
130.	Kattula Silomani	Men's Guild, Nativity, Philadelphia.
131.	Devabarkina Dinamma ..	Missionary Soc., Trinity, Lansford, Pa.
132.	Taluri Alice	Girls' Mission Band, Christ's, Tinicum, Pa.
133.	Jalluri Elizabeth	Notawenan Bible Class, Zion's, Kewanee, Ill.
134.	Nicodemus Naomi	S. S., St. John's, East Mauch Chunk, Pa.
135.	Gudisi Papamma	Florence Silver, Osage City, Kan.
136.	Vemana Satyavati	Girls' Mission Soc., Stanton, Ia.
137.	Paduri Shantamma	"Mary Lundgren Memorial," Elgin, Ill.
138.	Vepuri Victoria	Miss N. Lindquist, Rockford, Ill.
139.	Chandramala Kantamma.	First Church, Butler, Pa.
140.	Boosi Alice	Luther League, St. John's, Maywood, Ill.
141.	Manda Grace	Wom. Miss. Soc., Holy Communion, Phila.
142.	Pidakala Ch. Mary	Wom. Miss. Soc., Holy Communion, Harrisburg.
143.	Chinnam Martha	Rev. C. L. Warstler, Whitestone, Ind.
144.	Gedala Sundari	Golden Rule Class, Reformation, Rochester, N. Y.
145.	Vemuluri Krupavati	Mission Soc., St. Paul's, DuBois, Pa.
146.	Mallabattula Paramjo- tamma	Class 15, S. S., St. John's, Boyertown, Pa.
147.	Manukonda Shantamma..	Mrs. J. Kelting, St. Matthew's, Toledo, O.
148.	Manukonda Krupavati ..	Sewing Circle, Albert City, Ia.
149.	Potti Victoria	Harpster Mem. Soc., Albert Lea, Minn.
150.	Bhupati Krupavati	Hindu Girls' Friends, Geneva, Ill.
151.	Sodadasi Ratnamma	Dorcas Circle, Unity, Manor, Pa.
152.	Andukuri Mary	Luther League, St. John's, Allentown, Pa.
153.	Bera Karunamma	Wom. Miss. Soc., Selinsgrove, Pa.
154.	Guttulukkala D. Karu- namma	Girls' Foreign Mission Soc., Stanton, Ia.
155.	Betala Kamalakshamma.	Girls' Foreign Mission Soc., Stanton, Ia.
156.	Podapati Sarah	Messiah, English, Lindsborg, Kansas.
157.	Pidakala Mary	Ladies' Bible Class, Trinity, Leesport, Pa.
158.	Mallipuvala Suvasamma..	Luther League, St. Paul's, Lima, O.
159.	Sheikili Sundari	Missionary Society, Holy Trinity, English, Chicago.
160.	Sodadasi Chandrakan- tamma	Ladies' Mission Soc., Grace, Youngstown, Pa.
161.	Madda Gnanaratnamma.	W. M. Soc., St. Mark's, South Bethlehem, Pa.
162.	Jetti Sundari	Mrs. H. M. Bickel, Harrisburg, Pa.
163.	Ponuka Meenakoli	S. S., St. Matthew's, Rose Bay, N. S.
164.	Kakulapati Karunamma.	White Clover Soc., Christ's, Hazelton, Pa.
165.	Pidakala Kamalakshi ...	Ladies' Aid, Holy Spirit, Reading, Pa.
166.	Villuri Kempuratnamma.	Esther Peterson, Des Moines, Ia.
167.	Dayamu Sundari	Tabitha Bible Class, St. Paul's, Chicago.

NOTE.—In addition to the above list the reports of the treasurer of the Board show payments for the support of girls' scholarships by the following, to whom no assignments as yet could be made because the list of pupils in the Girls' Central School is exhausted: Young People's Society, St. Louis, Mo.; Women's Missionary Society, Harmony, Pa.; Sunday-school, First Church, Berlin, Ontario; Young Ladies' Bible Class, Gethsemane, Chicago; Young People's Society, Vega; Esther Peterson, Gowrie, Ia.; Fridberg, Immanuel, Minneapolis; Women's Missionary Society, Apostles', Philadelphia; Jr. Mission Society, Trinity, Versailles, O.; Esther Johnson, Osage City, Ia.; Willing Workers, Swedish Church, La Porte, Indiana.

NATIVE WORKERS IN INDIA SUPPORTED

In the following list the names of the districts in which the native workers are employed, are abbreviated. Bh., stands for Bhimawaram district; Rj., for Rajahmundry; Dw., for Dowlaishwaram district; Ta., for Tallapudi district; Td., for Tadepallegudem district; Kr., for Korukonda district; Jg., for Jaggampetta district; Sk., for Samulkot district. These abbreviations are to be found directly after the name of each worker. Any mistakes in the list should be reported to the General Secretary.

No.	Names.	Work.	Patrons.
1.	Vagiri Benjamin, Bh.,	Teacher	Women's Missionary Soc., Leechburg, Pa.
2.	Vungara Sreeramalu, Ta.,	Catechist	S. S., Ljunghed, Albert City, Ia.
3.	Mangamuri Jesudas, Dw.,	Evangel- ist	Frieden's Church, Versailles, O.

No.	Names.	Work.	Patrons.
4.	Thota Samuel, Jg.,	Catechist	Bible Class, Bethany, Lindsborg, Ks.
5.	Mallepu William, Dw.,	Evangelist	Mission Soc., Salem, Rockford, Ill.
6.	P. Salome, Rj.,	Bible-woman	Rev. and Mrs. Critchlow, Jamestown, N.Y.
7.	Mogalapu Lazarus, Dw.,	Evangelist	
8.	Vellugapalli Prakasem, Bh.,	Evangelist	Luther League, Beaver Falls, Pa.
9.	Pidakala Gamaliel, Bh.,	Teacher	Ladies' Mission Soc., Morrisburg, Ont.
10.	Godi Paradesi, Bh.,	Catechist	S. S., First Church, Galesburg, Ill.
11.	G. Eliza, Rj.,	Bible-woman	Caroline Johnson, Chicago.
12.	Pilli James, Bh.,	Evangelist	Luther League, Salem, Minneapolis.
13.	Sandi Barnabas, Bh.,	Teacher	Girls' M. S., Swedish, Jamestown, N. Y.
14.	Battini John, Dw.,	Evangelist	Wm. Benbow, Trinity, Buffalo, N. Y.
15.	Kandavalli David, Sk.,	Teacher	Rev. and Mrs. Langhans, Greenville, Pa.
16.	Geddam Lazarus, Ta.,	Teacher	Grace, Lancaster, Pa.
17.	Pidakala Moses, Bh.,	Evangelist	Dorcas Soc., Emmanuel, Evanston, Ill.
18.	Muppidi Samuel, Bh.,	Teacher	Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Pfeager, Mechanicsburg, Pa.
19.	Gidla Timothy, Sk.,	Teacher	Mr. and Mrs. Orville A. Sardeson, Chicago.
20.	Matta Cornelius, Bh.,	Teacher	Allentown Conf. Women's Miss. Soc.
21.	Pidakala Ezekiel, Bh.,	Teacher	L. League, St. Paul's, Galt, Ont., Can.
22.	Karre Satyanandam, Bh.,	Teacher	Rev. and Mrs. W. L. Stough, Phila.
23.	Patten Daniel, Bh.,	Teacher	S. S., St. Mark's, Williamsport, Pa.
24.	Alerti Lazarus, Bh.,	Teacher	A Friend, Grace, Bethlehem, Pa.
25.	Arigela Jacob, Td.,	Teacher	St. John's, Sinking Springs, Pa.
26.	Pidakala Caleb, Bh.,	Evangelist	Y. Men's Bible Class, Trinity, Buffalo.
27.	Katam Jeremiah, Dw.,	Evangelist	S. S., Campella, Mass.
28.	Potla Elsha, Rj.,	Teacher	Miss. Soc., St. Peter's, Amanda, O.
29.	Raya David, Sk.,	Teacher	S. S., Bethany, Lindsborg, Kan.
30.	Nalli Thomas, Dw.,	Evangelist	Bible Class, Emmanuel, Chicago.
31.	Raya Thomas, Dw.,	Evangelist	Sunday-school, Emmanuel, Phila.
32.	Potti Aaron, Td.,	Evangelist	Mrs. Albert Laub, Trinity, Buffalo.
33.	J. Anna, Dw.,	Bible-woman	Mrs. and Miss Kate Sadtler, Baltimore.
34.	Jerriprolu John, Sk.,	Catechist	
35.	Jerti Jevaratnam, Sk.,	Teacher	
36.	Potti Stephen, Bh.,	Catechist	Mrs. Fulmer, Trinity, Lancaster, Pa.
37.	Pidakala Samson, Bh.,	Teacher	Mrs. C. H. Colin, Sand Lake, Wis.
38.	Raya Samuel, Dw.,	Teacher	S. S., Trinity, New Haven, Conn.
39.	Nittala Philip, Jg.,	Catechist	Y. P. Soc., Augustana, Minneapolis.
40.	Vakapilli Prakasem, Sk.,	Evangelist	Y. P. Soc., Augustana, Minneapolis.
41.	Buditi Shadrach, Td.,	Teacher	S. W. Conf. S. S., Teachers' Association, Ohio.
42.	Taluri Shadrach, Bh.,	Teacher	
43.	Manda Nathaniel, Bh.,	Teacher	John Bergman, Bethel, Neb.
44.	Edi James, Kr.,	Evangelist	Wom. Miss. Soc., Emmanuel, Lancaster, Pa.
45.	Pidakala Barnabas, Bh.,	Teacher	Fridhem Church, Funk, Neb.
46.			
47.	N. Deborah, Rj.,	Bible-woman	Dorcas Society, Salemsborg, Kan.
48.	Dudala Isaac, Bh.,	Teacher	E. Side L. L., Bethany, Lindsborg, Kan.
49.	Manukonda Lazarus, Bh.,	Evangelist	
50.	Vellagapalli Alfred, Bh.,	Evangelist	Lillian Ellison, Kansas City, Mo.
51.	Potti Nathaniel, Bh.,	Teacher	Y. P. Soc., St. John's, Rochester, N. Y.
52.	Nittla Moses, Bh.,	Evangelist	Rev. and Mrs. A. H. Hulthusen, Jersey City.
53.	Ella Job, Td.,	Evangelist	S. S., Swedish, Knoxville, Ill.
54.	Kandavalli Christian, Bh.,	Teacher	
55.	Gumpula Shadrach, Bh.,	Teacher	S. S., Trinity, Elgin, Ill.
56.	Manukonda Jesudas, Bh.,	Teacher	S. S., Trinity, Galesburg, Ill.
57.	Boosi Albert, Ta.,	Teacher	
58.	Gidla Rosanna, Sk.,	Teacher	Marie von Gerber, Boston, Mass.
59.	Gopala Samuel, Dw.,	Teacher	B. C., Gethsemane, Seattle, Wash.
60.	Tuluri Solomon, Dw.,	Evangelist	S. S., Chariton, Iowa.
61.	Morampudi Daniel, Dw.,	Evangelist	Dorcas Soc., Swede House Church, Neb.
62.	Polumati Lazarus, Dw.,	Evangelist	Busy Bee, Bethany, Linsborg, Kan.
63.	Kandavalli Daniel, Bh.,	Teacher	
64.	Pidakala Nathaniel, Bh.,	Teacher	L. L., St. Luke's, Noxen, Pa.
65.	Madikonda Daniel, Kr.,	Teacher	S. S., Swedish Ch., Mangatuk.
66.	Devabarikini Joseph, Bh.,	Teacher	Swedish Church, South Brooklyn, N. Y.
67.	Pilli Samuel, Bh.,	Evangelist	Ladies' Aid, Emmanuel, Chicago.
68.	Raya Isaiah, Dw.,	Teacher	
69.	Kandikatla Jonathan, Bh.,	Teacher	S. S., Emmanuel, Omaha, Neb.
70.	Mylabattula Venkataratnam, Bh.,	Teacher	A. W. Schoppe, Lynnbrook, L. I., N. Y.

No.	Names.	Work.	Patrons.
71.	Jerti Kantamma, Sk., Teacher	....	Immanuel, Swedish, Chicago.
72.	Gollapalli Kantamma, Td., Teacher	S. S., Bethany,	Lindsborg, Kan.
73.	Manukonda James, Bh., Teacher	.....	.....
74.	Bale Moses, Bh., Teacher	.....	A Member, Bethany, Lindsborg, Kan.
75.	Raya Jacob, Dw., Teacher	.....	Jun. League, St. John's, Miamisburg, O.
76.	Adla Samuel, Dw., Teacher	.....	Wom. Miss. Soc., Salem, Bethlehem, Pa.
77.	Kattula Johan, Dw., Teacher	.....	.....
78.	Balla Anandam, Dw., Teacher	....	Willing Workers, Red Oak, Iowa.
79.	Pattula Judah, Td., Teacher	.....	Miss. Soc., German, Berlin, Ont.
80.	Mogalapu Ratnamma, Dw., Teacher	Amanda Westling,	Chariton, Iowa.
81.	Dandinga Ratnamma, Dw., Teacher	Alma Clay,	Chariton, Iowa.
82.	Nittala Shantamma, Kr., Teacher	Ella Nelson,	Chariton, Iowa.
83.	Gummapu Kantamma, Dw., Teacher	P. E. Johnson,	Chariton, Iowa.
84.	Peetala Helena, Kr., Teacher	....	English Bible Class, Chariton, Iowa.
85.	Shelumiel Kantamma, Sk., Teacher	.....	.....
86.	Karre Manikiamma, Sk., Teacher	Mr. and Mrs. Axel. Norman,	Swedes- burg, Ia.
87.	Nambala Paul, Bh., Teacher	.....	A. G. Nelson, Wilcox, Sask., Can.
88.	Mogalapu Srinivasarow, Dw., Teacher	.....	.....
89.	Balla C. Anandam, Dw., Teacher	..	St. Jacobus, Philadelphia.
90.	Vemana Paradesi, Dw., Teacher	...	Bible Class, Messiah, Austin, Ill.
91.	Ponuku Nathaniel, Bh., Teacher	.....	.....
92.	Balla Cyrus, Dw., Teacher	.....	Rev. and Mrs. H. C. Kline, Bethlehem, Pa.
93.	Jerti Ratnamma, Sk., Teacher	.....	Swedish Church, Vilas, Kansas.
94.	Jerti Isaiah, Sk., Teacher	.....	Wom. Miss. Soc., Christ's, Easton, Pa.
95.	Motakuri John, Sk., Teacher	.....	Mrs. D. Askegaard, Comstock, Ia.
96.	Namabattulu Prakasem, Sk., Teacher	.....	.....
97.	Nela Isaac, Kr., Catechist	.....	Y. L. Circle, Trinity, Swedish, Chicago.
98.	Pattu Bullah, Sk., Teacher	.....	.....
99.	Tuluri Cornelius, Sk., Teacher	.....	.....
100.	Pilli Mark, Td., Teacher	.....	.....
101.	Produkku Johan, Dw., Teacher	...	Ladies' Soc., Zion's, Greensburg, Pa.
102.	Mylabattula Meshech, Td., Teacher	Ladies' Soc.,	Zion's, Greensburg, Pa.
103.	Tota Ruth Joseph, Rj., B-woman	..	Epiphany, Manayunk, Phila.
104.	Madekonda Anna, Dw., Teacher	..	Mrs. Peter Nelson, Chariton, Ia.
105.	Mallepu Sunderamma, Dw., Teacher	.....	A. E. and H. A. Lundgren, Chariton, Ia.
106.	Kolerti John, Td., Teacher	.....	Rev. and Mrs. J. O. Glenn, Irwin, Pa.
107.	Lankapalli Jacob, Td., Teacher	.....	.....
108.	Pontagani Paranjodhamma, Td., Teacher	.....	.....
109.	Rapaka Isaac, Td., Evangelist	.....	.....
110.	Mylabattula Peter, Td., Teacher	.....	.....
111.	Geddham Gabriel, Td., Teacher	....	S. S., Harolds-Seanor, Pa.
112.	Gollapalli Jesudas, Rj., Teacher	.....	.....
113.	Nutangi Prakasem, Ta., Teacher	..	Peter Nehleen, Cambridge, Mass.
114.	Bandilla Nathaniel, Td., Teacher	..	Junior League, Grace, Youngstown, Pa.
115.	Bandilla James, Td., Teacher	....	English S. S., St. John's, Buffalo.
116.	Namburi Devadanam, Td., Teacher	English S. S.,	St. John's, Buffalo, N. Y.
117.	Alamuri Shadrach, Rj., Teacher	..	S. S. and Y. P. Soc., Redwood, N. Y.
118.	Teli Joseph, Td., Teacher	.....	Ladies' Society, Fremont, Kansas.
119.	Chinnamu Anandayya, Jg., Cate- chist	.....	.....
120.	Penumaka Dwarkadas, Ta., Evan- gelist	.....	J. B. C., Zion's, Niagara Falls, N. Y.
121.	Pattula Benjamin, Td., Evangelist	Mission Soc.,	St. John's, Buffalo.
122.	Potla Daniel, Td., Teacher	.....	Mission Soc., St. John's, Buffalo.
123.	Chitti Cornelius, Bh., Teacher	.....	.....
124.	Chitturi Andrew, Bh., Teacher	...	.....
125.	Geddham Jeevaratnam, Ta., Cate- chist	.....	.....
126.	Vemuluri Jacob, Ta., Teacher	....	S. S. Class, Advent, N. Y. City.
127.	Gandi Stellamma, Ta., Teacher	....	Conf. Class, Emmanuel, Minneapolis.
128.	Pantala Huldamma, Ta., Teacher	..	Ladies' Aid, Emmanuel, Minneapolis.
129.	Boosi Marthamma, Ta., Teacher	.....	.....
130.	Chintala Veereswami, Dw., Evan- gelist	.....	.....
131.	Vipparti Israel, Td., Teacher	.....	William H. Trabert, Foundation.
132.	Irlaparti Johan, Dw., Evangelist	.....	.....
133.	J. Franklin William, Dw., Teacher	Luther League,	Monaca, Pa.
134.	Godi Sadhuru, Bh., Teacher	.....	Church Council, Atonement, Buffalo.
135.	Konala Prakasem, Bh., Teacher	...	Church Council, Atonement, Buffalo.
136.	Mylabattula Martin, Bh., Catechist	Boys' League,	Bethlehem, Phila.

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137.	Jerruprolu Jacob, Jg.,	Catechist....	S. S., St. James', Reading, Pa.
138.	Betala Peter, Bh.,	Catechist	Miss Soc., Monmouth, Ill.
139.	Manukonda Matthew, Bh.,	Teacher..	Bible Class, Monmouth, Ill.
140.	Vipparti Prakasem, Bh.,	Teacher..	Mrs. J. W. Felty, St. Paul's, Hartford.
141.	A. Ruth, Rj.,	Bible-woman .....	.....
142.	Potturazu Sadhuvu, Bh.,	Teacher..	S. S. Assn., W. Chicago District, Ill.
143.	Gope Meshech, Bh.,	Evangelist	Wom. Miss. Soc., Mulberry, Ind.
144.	Dylapalli Annamma, Ta.,	Teacher..	Wom. Miss. Soc., Mulberry, Ind.
145.	Kattragedda Shadrach, Bh.,	Teacher	Foreign Mission Soc., Keokuk, Ia.
146.	Taluri Meshech, Bh.,	Teacher	Mission Class, Ottumwa, Iowa.
147.	Kusimi Abraham, Bh.,	Teacher ...	Mission Class, Ottumwa, Iowa.
148.	Yerragapati David, Bh.,	Teacher ..	W. M. Soc., Trinity, Rochester, N. Y.
149.	Addanki Samuel, Bh.,	Teacher ...	Luther League, Salemsburg, Kan.
150.	G. Sarah, Dw.,	Bible-woman .....	.....
151.	Venumattla Mark, Bh.,	Teacher ..	Jr. Miss. Band, St. Peter's, Lancaster, O.
152.	Nelaparti Benjamin, Bh.,	Teacher.....	.....
153.	Lankapalli Lazarus, Td.,	Teacher.....	.....
154.	Vardanapu Joseph, Bh.,	Teacher..	Wom. Miss. Soc., Preston, Ont.
155.	Akuluri Joseph, Bh.,	Teacher .....	.....
156.	Vipparti Venkataratnam, Bh.,	Teacher .....	.....
157.	Boosi Bhushanam, Bh.,	Evangelist..	Martha Society, Essex, Iowa.
158.	P. Venkataratnam, Rj.,	Pastor .....	.....
159.	Gandi Paul, Bh.,	Teacher	Swedish Church, Cambridge, Mass.
160.	Madapati David, Bh.,	Teacher .....	.....
161.	Vardhanapu Andrew, Bh.,	Teacher..	J. H. Larson, Sioux City, Iowa.
162.	Pidakala Mariamma, Td.,	Teacher..	Swedish Church, Geneseo, Ill.
163.	Alamuri C. Mariamma, Rj.,	Teacher .....	.....
164.	Manda Bhushanam, Bh.,	Teacher..	Swedish Church, Paxton, Ill.
165.	Mannerti Krupavati, Bh.,	Teacher.....	.....
166.	Alamuri Paul, Bh.,	Teacher .....	.....
167.	Gedala Alfred, Bh.,	Teacher	Emily K. Dietz, Philadelphia.
168.	Kandikatla Agnes, Bh.,	Teacher..	Bible Students, Emmanuel, Minneapolis.
169.	Ravva Dinamma, Sk.,	Teacher	Women's Mission Soc., Delmont, Pa.
170.	Yerragaparti Sadhuru, Bh.,	Teacher..	Sunday-school, Pontiac, R. I.
171.	Manukonda James, Bh.,	Teacher...	Sunday-school, Sioux City, Iowa.
172.	Sandi Barnabas, Bh.,	Teacher.....	V. A. Swan, Sioux City, Iowa.
173.	Andukuri Booshanam, Bh.,	Teacher.....	.....
174.	Palaparti Devadanam, Bh.,	Teacher.....	.....
175.	Potti Nathaniel, Bh.,	Teacher	Dorcas Soc., St. Paul's, Redwood, N. Y.
176.	Gutla Joseph, Bh.,	Teacher	Y. M. Class, Trinity, Rochester, N. Y.
177.	Namburi Stephen, Td.,	Teacher ...	S. S. Assoc., Ascension, Mt. Airy, Phila.
178.	Teli Estheramma, Td.,	Teacher ...	Three Sisters, Motherhouse, Milwaukee.
179.	Teli C. Krupadam, Td.,	Teacher.....	.....
180.	Potti David, Td.,	Teacher	W. M. Soc., Mahoning, N. Lima, Ohio.
181.	P. Swami, Dw.,	Evangelist	Ladies' Aid, First Swedish, Duluth, Minn.
182.	Sandi Samuel, Td.,	Teacher	B. B. Society, Bethany, Duluth, Minn.
183.	Pantagani Judah, Td.,	Teacher .....	.....
184.	Pattula Kantamma, Td.,	Teacher .....	.....
185.	Teli P. Krupadanam, Td.,	Teacher..	Rev. and Mrs. Carl Solomonson.
186.	Kandikatla Joshua, Bh.,	Teacher..	Sunday-school, Preston, Ont.
187.	Gollapalli Kantamma, Td.,	Teacher.....	.....
188.	Pantagani Gabriel, Td.,	Teacher.....	.....
189.	Pitta Samson, Td.,	Teacher .....	.....
190.	Gangi Jacob, Td.,	Teacher .....	.....
191.	Raya Ruth, Dw.,	Teacher .....	.....
192.	Gollapalli Nathan, Td.,	Teacher ..	Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Johnson, Albert City, Ia.
193.	Chilli Mark, Kr.,	Teacher	Sunday-school, Brockton, Mass.
194.	Motakuri Mary, Kr.,	Teacher	Bethesda Church, Moorhead, Minn.
195.	Kottagudla Cornelius, Kr.,	Teacher.....	.....
196.	Penumaka Peter, Ta.,	Evangelist..	W. Martenson, New Gottland, Kansas.
197.	Manukonda Sadhuru, Bh.,	Teacher..	Sunday-school, Redeemer, Milwaukee.
198.	Lankapalli Benjamin, Bh.,	Teacher..	Mission Soc., Redeemer, Milwaukee.
199.	Veerali Abel, Dw.,	Teacher	Y. L. Soc., Red River, Miss.
200.	Penumaka Jeevaratnam, Ta.,	Teacher	S. S. Classes, Advent, N. Y. City.
201.	Paduri Prakasem, Dw.,	Teacher....	H. S. Bissey, Perkasié, Pa.
202.	Kandivalli Julamma, Sk.,	Teacher.....	.....
203.	Dayam Lazarus, Td.,	Teacher .....	.....
204.	Nutanapati Manikamma, Sk.,	Teacher	Nels Magnusson, Salemsburg, Kan.
205.	Razala Moses, Td.,	Teacher	Mission Soc., St. John's, Albany, N. Y.
206.	Nutanapati Johan, Sk.,	Teacher ..	Sunday-school, Madison, Wis.
207.	Nutanapati Shantamma, Sk.,	Teacher	Misses Lindh, Emmanuel, Minneapolis.

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208.	Nutanapati Sariya, Sk.,	Teacher...	Minnie Borg, Emmanuel, Minneapolis.
209.	Jerti Sichamani, Sk.,	Teacher	Ladies' Soc., Hamilton, Ont.
210.	Gangi David, Td.,	Teacher	
211.	Chikkili Joseph, Bh.,	Evangelist..	Elof Johnson, Bridgeport, Conn.
212.	Nambattula Satyavati, Kr.,	Teacher.....	
213.	Palaparti Nathaniel, Bh.,	Evan- gelist	Mrs. Ida Strom, Clifton, Kansas.
214.	Sodadasi Daniel, Bh.,	Teacher	L. League, Grace, Toledo, O.
215.	Pidakala Jeevaratnam, Bh.,	Teacher	
216.	Talluri Jesudas, Dw.,	Teacher	W. S. Wise, Meadville, Pa.
217.	Garrikamukkala Jacob, Bh.,	Teacher	
218.	Dasari Judah, Bh.,	Teacher	
219.	Bhuparti Matthew, Bh.,	Teacher.....	
220.	Gandi Sadhuvu, Ta.,	Evangelist...	Martha Society, Essex, Iowa.
221.	Dylapalli C. Bramiah, Ta.,	Evan- gelist	S. S., First Swedish, Moline, Ill.
222.	Beera Tatayya, Dw.,	Evangelist....	Rev. P. Kummer, Scranton, Pa.
223.	Vemuluri Joseph, Dw.,	Teacher....	Harpster Mem.Soc., St.Matthew's, Toledo
224.	K. Mary, Rj.,	Bible-woman	Woman's Miss Soc., Nova Scotia Synod.
225.	Dolla Samuel, Dw.,	Teacher	J. A. Copeland, Jewett, Ohio.
226.	Namburi Amruddhamma, Td.,	Teacher	Atonement, Asbury Park, N. J.
227.	M. Karunamma, Rj.,	Bible-woman.	Mrs. P. Kummer, Scranton, Pa.
228.	T. Ruth, Rj.,	Bible-woman	Rev. and Mrs. J. Stremper, Elmira, Ont.
229.	Gummapu Solomon, Bh.,	Teacher..	A. F. Egner, Newark, N. J.
230.	Beetala Benjamin, Bh.,	Teacher..	Two Friends, Wheeling, W. Va.
231.	Pollimarti Cornelius, Kr.,	Teacher.	Girls' F. M. Soc., Stanton, Ia.
232.	Pollimarti Mary, Kr.,	Teacher	Girls' F. M. Soc., Stanton, Ia.

PART VII. STATISTICS FOR 1914

No.	DISTRICT	Congregational																	
		Membership at end of 1913				Additions in 1914				Losses in 1914			Increase in 1914			Membership at end of 1914			
						By Baptism				Grand Total									
		Men	Women	Children	Total	Men	Women	Children	Total	Otherwise	Total	By Death	Otherwise	Total	Increase in 1914	Men	Women	Children	Total
1	St. Paul's, Rajahmundry.....	151	155	643	949	....	2	15	17	132	140	16	81	97	163	168	670	1001	
2	Bhimawaram District.....	3113	3122	5468	11703	190	257	584	1031	10	1041	165	20	185	3263	3337	5959	12559	
3	Dowlaishwaram District.....	1001	715	785	2501	218	182	60	460	....	460	46	18	64	1219	897	781	2897	
4	Jaggampet District.....	255	213	214	682	18	25	9	52	....	52	10	..	10	275	235	214	724	
5	Korukonda District.....	220	162	221	603	12	5	14	31	....	31	7	..	7	228	165	234	627	
6	Samulkot District.....	640	414	523	1577	77	45	78	200	....	200	6	..	6	713	457	601	1771	
7	Tadepalligudem District.....	465	489	610	1564	24	53	87	166	13	177	35	..	35	522	577	619	1718	
8	Talapudi District.....	608	574	797	1979	20	21	15	56	3	59	16	3	19	626	592	801	2019	
9	Boys' Central School.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	
10	Central Girls' School.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	
11	Hindu Girls' Schools.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	
12	Medical Work.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	
13	Zenana Work.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	
14	Peddapur High School.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	
15	Masters' Training School.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	
16	Rangoon Work.....	295	11	14	320	16	..	1	17	30	47	3	26	29	297	3	4	304	
	Totals.....	6748	5855	9275	21878	575	590	863	2028	188	2216	304	148	452	1764	7306	6431	9883	23620

PART VII. STATISTICS FOR 1914 (Continued).

No.	DISTRICT	Sunday-schools										General				No. of Schools		Schools											
		Communi- cants at end of 1914		Marriages		No. of Sunday- schools		No. of Teachers		No. of Pupils		No. of Villages having Chris- tians or Inquirers		Increase				No. of Congre- gations		Increase		No. of Inquirers		Christian		Non-Christian		Grand Total	Increase
		Number	Increase																										
1	St. Paul's, Rajahmundry.	331	29	5	1	25	467	120	119	1	2	23	1	96	1027	571	1598	6	21	865	402	1267	2865	29	6	23	29	98	
2	Bhimawaram District.	5900	...	91	72	83	2650	94	87	3	9	500	119	41	382	304	686	686	691	691	201	892	1578	104	...	23	23	104	
3	Dowlaishwaram District.	2013	272	18	41	51	1420	31	31	18	18	709	87	200	39	41	80	80	162	162	98	260	340	30	...	23	23	30	
4	Jaggampet District.	510	360	3	24	24	130	48	12	5	...	120	12	20	45	17	62	62	340	340	115	455	517	170	...	23	23	170	
5	Korukonda District.	393	29	6	19	22	444	54	33	...	...	150	33	23	39	35	74	74	238	238	101	399	413	95	...	23	23	95	
6	Samulkot District.	1170	77	...	24	25	450	128	28	46	1	753	28	26	132	88	220	220	272	272	86	358	578	49	...	23	23	49	
7	Tadepalligudem District.	942	88	26	25	33	542	132	38	...	...	300	38	30	173	136	309	309	374	374	161	535	844	...	...	23	23	...	
8	Tallapudi District.	1050	...	...	36	38	932	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	145	1	146	146	15	15	...	15	161	17	...	23	23	17	
9	Boys' Central School.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	178	179	179	...	...	9	419	188	13	...	23	23	13	
10	Central Girls' School.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7	...	10	10	10	...	...	...	419	429	2	...	23	23	2	
11	Hindu Girls' Schools.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	23	23	...
12	Medical Work.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	23	23	...
13	Zenana Work.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	23	23	...
14	Peddapur High School.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	39	...	39	39	600	600	1	601	640	108	...	23	23	108	
15	Masters' Training School.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	52	1	53	53	123	123	2	125	178	39	...	23	23	39	
16	Rangoon Work.	275	5	1	2	...	*50	...	1	...	...	30	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	23	23	...
	Totals.	12686	792	149	243	303	7035	607	350	33	12	2785	262	2080	1382	3462	3701	1597	5298	8760	1597	5298	8760	1505	...	23	23	1505	

*Adults

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PART VII. STATISTICS FOR 1914 (Concluded).

Workers																	Buildings				Benevolence	Other Cash Receipts	Total Receipts
No.	DISTRICT	Foreign			Indian							Bungalows				Churches	Prayer and School House	Teachers' Houses	Hotels and Hospitals	Rs.-As.-Ps	Rs.-As.-Ps	Rs.-As.-Ps	
		Ordnained	Men	Women	Pastors	Catechists	Evangelists	Teachers	Bible Women	Total	Increase	Bungalows	Churches	Prayer and School House	Teachers' Houses	Hotels and Hospitals	Rs.-As.-Ps	Rs.-As.-Ps	Rs.-As.-Ps				
1	St. Paul's, Rajahmundry	1	...	...	1	...	1	130	2	3	1	1	...	1	82	...	...	2487-3-6	...	...	955-1-0		
2	Bhimawaram District	1	...	1	...	11	2	50	1	145	15	1	...	...	47	...	...	919-0-0	...	...	6895-11-6		
3	Dowlaishwaram District	1	...	1	...	1	18	15	3	63	-1	1	3	29	7	...	...	104-4-7	...	...	2775-0-0		
4	Jaggampet District	1	...	1	...	1	9	21	...	28	-3	...	...	...	11	...	...	74-2-9	...	...	490-4-7		
5	Korukonda District	1	...	1	...	1	3	25	6	26	2	...	...	...	14	9	...	64-4-0	...	...	693-4-0		
6	Samulkot District	1	...	...	1	1	6	32	...	38	8	1	1	9	13	9	...	475-7-2	...	...	938-9-8		
7	Tadepalligudem District	1	...	...	...	1	8	39	3	41	6	1	2	8	21	...	...	414-8-0	...	...	2268-0-2		
8	Tallapudi District	1	...	1	...	1	11	...	...	54	...	1	1	25	34	...	...	...	...	...	1739-8-0		
9	Boys' Central School	2	...	...	...	...	...	7	...	8	2	1	...	...	1	1	2	113-8-0	...	...	1011-8-0		
10	Central Girls' School	...	...	...	...	...	...	*19	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	...	...	1852-2-0	...	...	1965-10-0		
11	Hindu Girls' Schools	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	19	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1193-0-0	...	...	1193-0-0		
12	Medical Work	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	22-8-0	...	...	2059-11-7		
13	Zenana Work	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9	9	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		
14	Peddapur High School	1	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	15548-1-6	...	...	15548-1-6		
15	Masters' Training School	...	...	...	...	...	...	12	...	12	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	90-0-0	...	...	6234-0-0		
16	Rangoon Work	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	320-0-0	...	...	320-0-0		
Totals		†11	1	†6	*7	3	18	58	24	484	†36	11	9	233	93	5	...	...	...	...	45127-6-0		

*Christian 13; Hindu 6. †Four on furlough. ‡Two on furlough. **Two on furlough. ††Forty Hindus.

R. ARPS, Chairman. C. F. KUDER, Statistician.

PART VIII.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. *Resolved*, That we give thanks to God, the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, for having blessed our foreign mission work, crowning our feeble efforts with continued success both in India and in Japan.

2. *Resolved*, That while we rely solely upon the grace and guidance of God, we will seek to prove our faith in Jesus Christ as the Saviour of the whole world by doing our utmost to reach the full measure of our obligation to make disciples of all nations.

3. *Resolved*, That we will continue our prayers for an increasing number of efficient missionaries to develop and extend our foreign mission work.

4. *Resolved*, That, in addition to our efforts in behalf of our own missions, we will continue to bring special offerings for the relief of the German missions in India, meanwhile beseeching God to end the war in Europe in order that, among other things, the mission societies of Europe may resume their blessed work for the conversion of the heathen.

5. *Resolved*, That we approve of the change in form and the improvement in contents of "The Foreign Missionary" and "Der Missionsbote," and will agitate in favor of a list of subscribers numbering no less than 10,000 for each paper.

6. *Resolved*, That we call upon the Church to celebrate in 1917, in connection with the quadri-centennial of the Protestant Reformation, the seventy-fifth anniversary of the departure of the Rev. C. F. Heyer, M.D., for India to inaugurate the foreign mission work of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America.

7. *Resolved*, That we express our sincere appreciation of the services which the late Rev. H. E. Isaacson, D.D., and the late Mrs. Ernst Neudoerffer rendered in our Telugu Mission, the one as the missionary of the Samulkot district for a period of over twenty-one years, and the other as a medical missionary and the wife of a missionary.

8. *Resolved*, That we record our high appreciation of the noble character, great value and wide influence of the life of the late, the Rev. Prof. Edward T. Horn, D.D., LL.D., especially in his work for the great cause of carrying the Gospel into the non-Christian world and in his relation to the Board of Foreign Missions as a member since 1901 and as its President from 1907 to the day of his death.

9. *Resolved*, That we appeal to all our synods, without exception, to make every effort in the interest of our important and growing mission work in India, Burma and Japan, to raise the full amounts of the following apportionments for the coming biennium:

Pennsylvania Ministerium, each year	\$28,000.00
Augustana Synod, each year	25,000.00
New York & New England Synod, each year	8,500.00

Pittsburgh Synod, each year	7,600.00
New York Ministerium, each year	6,900.00
Ohio Synod, each year	2,900.00
English Synod of the Northwest, each year	2,800.00
Canada Synod, each year	2,900.00
Chicago Synod, each year	1,600.00
Pacific Synod, each year	600.00
Nova Scotia Synod, each year	500.00
Synod of Central Canada, each year	300.00
Manitoba Synod, each year	400.00

Total\$93,500.00

Respectfully submitted,

THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS,

GEORGE DRACH, *Secretary*.

ACTION ON THE FOREIGN MISSION REPORT

Treasurer Snyder's Audited Report was approved.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Kaehler, it was

Resolved, That the General Council notes with great pleasure the efficiency of the Officials of the Foreign Mission Board, and the wonderful way in which our monies are handled at so slight an expense.

Of the Recommendations the first three were adopted by a rising vote; the fourth was amended by adding to "German Missions in India" the words "and in Africa."

On motion of the Rev. Dr. H. E. Jacobs, it was unanimously

Resolved, That we approve of the action of the Foreign Mission Board in coming to the relief of the German Missions in India under the most extraordinary circumstances of distress under which those Missions have labored.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Weiskotten, it was unanimously

Resolved, That the matter of plans for the further relief of the German Missions in India and Africa be referred to the Foreign Mission Board with power to act.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Sixth Recommendation be referred to the Board of Foreign Missions with power to act, and the Ninth to the Budget Committee.

The Seventh and Eighth Recommendations were adopted by a rising vote.

The Report was then adopted as a whole.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Kretschmann, it was

Resolved, 1. That the General Council expresses thanks and appreciation to individuals, congregations, and societies, for gifts and bequests, scholarships, support of missionaries and native workers. We commend this special interest and heartily urge its continuance.

2. That we rejoice that God has put it into the hearts of so many men and women during the past biennium to offer themselves for the great work in the foreign mission field, and we implore the richest blessing of the Lord upon them and upon their labors.

Adjourned at 5:30 P. M. with the use of the Lord's Prayer.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

ZION CHURCH, ROCK ISLAND, ILLINOIS.

Friday, September 10, 1915, 9 A. M.

With the Second Session, the Convention was transferred to Zion Church, Rock Island, where all subsequent Sessions were held.

The Rev. Henry Warren Roth, D.D., LL.D., of Greenville, Pa., conducted the devotional services.

The Roll was called by Delegates, and corrected.

The President appointed the following Committees on the Nomination of Boards, etc.:

1. *To Nominate General Council Trustees*:—The Revs. Dr. L. G. Abrahamson, Dr. I. B. Kurtz, J. C. Axline, M.D., Mr. Fred. Henrich, and the Rev. S. A. Ziegenfuss, D.D.

2. *To Nominate Board of Foreign Missions*:—Dr. M. C. Ranseen, Rev. A. Appell, Dr. O. Sohlberg, Dr. C. M. Jacobs, Mr. A. G. Anderson, Prof. S. P. Sadtler, Mr. John Sundine, John A. Christenson, Rev. Dr. G. A. Brandelle, Rev. C. E. Elving, Rev. G. F. Gehr, Dr. G. W. Sandt, Mr. F. O. Bittner, Rev. A. W. Stark, Rev. W. Brenner, Mr. Fred. Henrich.

3. *To Nominate Board of English Home Missions*:—Dr. W. K. Frick, Dr. H. W. Roth, Pres. E. F. Krauss, D.D., Rev. J. H. Orr, Prof. P. W. H. Frederick, Dr. E. F. Keever, James Gear, Chas. T. A. Anderson, Rev. M. L. Wagner, W. S. Mohr, Geo. M. March, Dr. H. M. Richards, J. B. Oakleaf, Esq., Rev. Ira O. Nothstein.

4. *To Nominate Board of German Home Missions*:—Rev. Herman Brezing, Dr. A. Steimle, Rev. H. Becker, Prof. G. W. Scheid, and August Greulich.

5. *To Nominate Board of Swedish Home Missions*:—Dr. L. G. Abrahamson, Dr. J. F. Ohl, Dr. L. D. Reed, Hon. F. M. Riter, W. H. Hager, Wm. Steinmeyer, Dr. A. T. W. Steinhæuser, Dr. J. C. Kunzmann.

6. *To Nominate Porto Rico Mission Board*:—Dr. S. G. Ohman, Dr. E. P. Olsson, Rev. W. M. Horn, G. F. Greiner, Esq., J. Gear, Prof. Carl E. Esbjorn, Rev. A. P. Westerberg, H. Hodges, Rev. A. B. McIntosh, James H. Wolfe, Esq.

7. *To Nominate Slav Mission Board*:—Rev. W. L. Stough, Dr. L. Lindenstruth, Rev. J. H. Waidelich, Rev. Robert D. Roeder, Rev. P. O. Bersell, D. Dillmann, M.D., Rev. A. E. Monell, Hon. A. U. Mayland, Henry G. Fisher, A. A. Kunkle, J. K. Jensen, Robert E. Gaskell.

8. *To Nominate Immigrant Mission Board*:—Rev. Theodore Posselt, Rev. J. A. W. Kirsch, I. B. Kurtz, D.D., Rev. P. George Sieger, Rev. C. R. Tappert, Mr. C. M. Berkemeyer, Mr. Peter L. Leemhuis, Mr. O. W. Carlson.

9. *To Nominate Publication Board*:—Dr. G. W. Sandt, R. D. Wenrich, M.D., Mr. M. L. March, Dr. W. D. C. Keiter, Rev. E. C. J. Kraeling, Dr. J. Stump.

10. *To Nominate Board of Education*:—Dr. L. D. Reed, Rev. W. E. Frey, Rev. J. R. E. Hunt, Prof. C. W. Foss, Prof. P. W. H. Frederick, Rev. F. E. Cooper, Dr. F. F. Fry, Martin L. Deck, Prof. Otto H. Bert, Dr. S. P. Sadtler, Dr. C. L. Fry.

11. *To Nominate Kropp Commission*:—Dr. H. Peters, Rev. J. H. Waidelich, Hon. G. H. Moyer, Rev. C. R. Tappert, A. G. Anderson, Rev. H. Becker, A. L. Bitzer, Esq.

12. *To Nominate Arbitration Commission*:—Prof. C. E. Lindberg, D.D., Dr. J. E. Whitteker, Dr. I. B. Kurtz, Charles Schimmelfeng, Rev. C. L. Warstler, Rev. C. J. Beigston, J. A. Helsing.

13. *To Nominate Jewish Mission Committee*:—Dr. T. O. Keister, Dr. S. G. Weiskotten, Rev. G. F. Gehr.

These Committees reported on Saturday morning.

The Rev. Dr. Johnston presented a communication from the Augustana Delegation, which was made the Special Order of Business for Saturday, 10 A. M.

The Rev. Dr. Kunzmann presented the

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ENGLISH HOME MISSIONS

FATHERS AND BRETHREN:—We are gratified to report that the work of unifying the English Home Mission operations among the Synods of the General Council has been completed by the transfer of the missions of the Nova Scotia and of the Pittsburgh Synod under the Plan of Unification and its rules and regulations. The former were transferred on June 21, 1913, and the latter at the last meeting of the Synod in Ridgway, Pennsylvania; the date of the transfer is November 1, 1915. With the addition of these new forces and with the degree of harmony which exists in all our Synods, we expect great benefit to the English Home Mission work of our General Council.

THE WORK OF THE BIENNIUM

The increase in the cost of living has been met by an increase in the salaries of our missionaries and to accomplish this we have permitted the increased financial strength of our missions to go to the benefit of

these faithful servants of the Church. Nevertheless, we can report quite a number of new missions as well as a list which have become self-sustaining.

The following new missions have been established and taken on our funds: St. Bartholomew, Trenton, N. J.; Prince of Peace, Philadelphia, Pa.; Divinity, Toledo, O.; St. Mark's, Fremont, O.; Salem, Cleveland, O.; Marquette Manor, Chicago; Belmont Park, Chicago; Resurrection, Milwaukee; Washington Park, Milwaukee; Trinity, Appleton, Wis.; Richfield, Minneapolis, and Lakeville and Farmington Minn.; Grace, Seattle, Wash.; Trinity, North Yakima, Wash.; Trinity, Everett, Wash.; St. Michael's, Berkeley, Cal.; St. Barnabas, Brooklyn, N. Y.; St. Paul, Dunton, Long Island, N. Y. Total, 18.

These have been established by the following: St. Paul's, Dunton, L. I., N. Y., by Field Missionary Steinbicker; Resurrection, Halifax, N. S., by Field Missionary Bieber; Prince of Peace, (West) Philadelphia, and St. Bartholomew, Trenton, N. J., by Field Missionary Bertolet; Divinity Mission, Toledo, O., by Field Missionary Benting; St. Mark's Mission, Fremont, O., by Rev. Wm. Brenner; Salem, Cleveland, Ohio, by Field Missionary Ter Vehn; Richfield, Minneapolis, Minn., by Field Missionary Deck, who also established as self-sustaining the Lakeville-Farmington parish; Grace (Ballard), Seattle, Wash., Trinity, North Yakima, Wash., by Missionary Schoenberg, who has also secured the transfer of our former mission at Everett back to the Pacific Synod and revived the work at Nehalem, Oregon. Members of our Minneapolis congregations, who had removed to California, organized St. Michael's congregation at Berkeley and appealed to our Board for missionary aid, which was granted.

The following missions have been transferred to the self-sustaining list: Grace, Allentown, Pa.; Memorial, Good Shepherd and Advocate, Philadelphia, Pa.; St. Peter, Holgate and St. John's, Stanley, Ohio; Trinity, Lafayette, Ind.; Redeemer, Chicago; Redeemer, Minneapolis; Reformation, Milwaukee, Wis.; Atonement, Racine, Wis.; St. Peter's, Ottawa, Canada; St. Matthew's, Welland, Canada; St. Andrew's, Brooklyn, N. Y. Total, 14.

CHANGES

Rev. M. J. Bieber, our faithful and successful Field Missionary in the New England States, Eastern Canada and Nova Scotia, has been promoted to the position of Eastern District Superintendent, and his field covers the Nova Scotia Synod, Synod of Central Canada, the New York and New England Synod, the Ministerium of Pennsylvania and the Pittsburgh Synod. The field of our Western District Superintendent covers the District Synod of Ohio, the Chicago, the Northwest and the Pacific Synods. It will be apparent that each of these brethren has a sufficiently large territory to tax his energies. We hope that they may not be forced to do anything but what pertains to the work of superintendence of missions in their districts and the development of larger interest in Home Missions on their territory.

The Board has resolved to call Field Missionaries for Eastern and Western Canada, Western New York, Pittsburgh, Columbus, Chicago, Southern Michigan, North Dakota, Montana and the Pacific Coast, and has already issued calls to a number of brethren and will issue calls to a still larger number in order to occupy the other important and hitherto neglected territory as soon as the increase in apportionments warrant.

FINANCES

A comparison with the receipts during the past bienniums reveals the following:

1909-1911	\$85,650 36
1911-1913	98,966 42
1913-1915	99,280 84

Whilst this is not as large an increase as in the previous bienniums, we are convinced that, owing to the financial stress during 1913-1914 and the first period of the European War, and the special call upon the Church to help out the foreign missionaries of the Boards in Europe, the Church has shown a gratifying interest in our work. We look for a far larger increase in all our Synods during the present biennium.

We also are encouraged to look forward to such results by the renewed interest which our women are taking in the home field. During the last biennium, according to the report of the chairman of the Home Mission Committee, they have received on their special appeal, \$7,784.76. They will make renewed efforts to secure \$6,000 annually from their contributors.

At the invitation of the Board the Women's Missionary Society of the Lutheran General Council now sends a delegate to our annual meeting in May. Their first representative was Mrs. George H. Schnur, chairlady of their Home Mission Committee. It is their desire to have this special fund for additional Field Missionaries sent to their treasurers and by them forwarded to the treasurer of the General Board.

TREASURER'S REPORT

May 1, 1913, to April 30, 1915.

Receipts

Balance on hand May 1, 1913.....	\$	3,386 77
For General Fund	\$	94,266 01
Portable Chapel Fund		20 00
Wisconsin Field Missionary Fund		1,860 10
Chicago Field Missionary Fund		40 00
Montana Field Missionary Fund		594 91
Church Extension Society, proportionate share of Office Expenses		487 94
Philadelphia Field Missionary Fund.....		105 00
Overpayments returned		28 63

Special from Women's Missionary Societies:

Chicago Synod	\$246 28
Synod of Central Canada	86 60
Synod of Nova Scotia	7 30
District Synod of Ohio.....	145 77

		485 95
Loans		23,744 20
Interest on deposits		51 80
Interest on Endowment Fund		42 50

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Endowment Fund	100 00
Est. of Charlotte Wills, Dec'd—Bequest....	1,000 00
Est. of Flora Stevenson, Dec'd—Bequest..	98 00
Miss Mary A. Geissenhainer for "Augustus T. Geissenhainer Memorial Fund	100 00

1,298 00

Total\$ 126,411 81
*Disbursements*Salaries and expenses of Missionaries and all other
employees

employees	\$ 90,528 13
Office expenses	600 00
Printing	1,542 43
Incidentals	50 25
Repayment of loans and discount charges.....	17,906 22
Interest on Mortgages on various churches.....	864 85
Ground Rent Portable Chapel, St. Paul.....	55 00
Appropriation to Pacific Synod Seminary.....	1,750 00
Home Missions Council	456 50
Loan for use of Church in West Philadelphia....	1,300 00
Portable Chapel, Cleveland, Ohio	500 00
Missionary Education Fund	6 00
Special Appropriation to St. John's, Tacoma, Wash.	150 00
Special Appropriation to St. Peter's, Ottawa, Can..	100 00
Purchase of \$1,000 Lehigh Valley R. R. Co. Bond for Endowment Fund (Louisa Fritz Bequest) ..	1,001 25
Investment on Mortgage on lots in Brooklyn for Endowment Fund (Charlotte Wills Bequest)....	1,000 00
Certificate of deposit in the Commonwealth Title Ins. & Trust Co., investment of Geissenhainer Fund	100 00

117,910 63

Balance on hand, April 30, 1915.....\$ 8,501 18

ENDOWMENT FUND

Balance reported in last report	\$ 8,881 00
Bequest of Charlotte Wills	1,000 00
Bequest of Louisa Fritz	1,000 00
Total	\$ 10,881 00

The above amount is invested as follows:

Bond and mortgage, St. John's Church, Duluth, Minn	\$ 4,000 00
Note and mortgage, Holy Trinity Church, Seattle, Wash.....	1,000 00
Note and mortgage, Church of the Redeemer, Aurora, Ill.....	1,000 00
Mortgage on First English Church, Winnipeg, Canada.....	1,881 00
B. & O. R. R. Co. Bond	1,000 00
Lehigh Valley R. R. Co. Bond	1,000 00
Mortgage on lots in Brooklyn, N. Y.	1,000 00
Total	\$ 10,881 00

In addition to the above, there is held the certificate of deposit of The Commonwealth Title Insurance and Trust Company of \$100.00, representing the Augustus T. Geissenhainer Fund; and also a mortgage of \$2,000.00 secured on the church property, corner 8th and Luzerne streets, Philadelphia, representing a trust endowment fund for Philadelphia.

The Board is indebted for loans as follows:

Pelham Trust Company	\$ 10,000 00
Rev. F. S. Beistel and Sister	1,000 00
Mr. F. D. Bittner	1,700 00
Total	\$ 12,700 00

This leaves, with the April unpaid salaries, a net deficit of \$9,200.

Of the above indebtedness, \$600.00 has been loaned to the church at Winnipeg, for which a mortgage of \$2,481.00 is held covering the loan from the Endowment Fund, as reported above.

E. AUG. MILLER, *Treasurer.*

At the appointment of the Finance Committee of the Board of English Home Missions, we have examined the vouchers for the payments herein credited for the period from May 1st, 1913, to April 30th, 1915, inclusive, and find the same correct. The total of cash receipts, per the monthly summary in the secretary's book, agrees with the amount recorded in the Treasurer's account. The several securities in the Endowment Fund amount to \$10,981.00, have been examined and agree with the items recorded in the report. Signed,

M. F. TREXLER,

J. M. DECK,

Auditing Committee.

Here follow statistics of General Council Home Missions, supported by the Board. See Appendix.

THE FUNDAMENTAL IMPORTANCE OF HOME MISSIONS

This is being thundered into our ears by the crack of musketry and roar of artillery. Rivers of blood mark the awful toll, which neglect of God and indifference to His gracious will is exacting from the nations at war. That awful carnage is no proof that Christianity has failed because it has never been enthroned in the diplomatic chancellories of the nations. But it is proof that the Church has not sufficiently appreciated her life calling nor carried on her Home Mission work among the so-called Christian nations with that aggressiveness and self-sacrifice which their importance demands. If the Church had trained her laity and clergy as Germany had trained her soldiers and officers, if these would have labored day and night for the triumph of the Gospel as those stick to their trenches and rush to the assault for the triumph of their arms, who can doubt that love would have led the nations of Europe to look every one to the interest of his neighbor, and that their swords would have been beaten into ploughshares and their spears into pruning-hooks, and it could be said of professed Christians in our days as in the days of the Apostles: "Behold, how they love one another"? There would be no doubt about the attitude of these United States to the conflict and to the participants. What an influence for Christ would these consecrated Christian nations exercise, and what forces they would send to assault the strongholds of Satan in foreign lands. Overcome the heathenism of so-called Christendom, and the rest of heathenism will slink away.

Especially must we apart from this see how fundamental the work of Home Missions in America is to the conversion of the world. It is this clearing and growing conviction which led our Board to call attention to our field in the report to the Lancaster convention, as contained on pages 129-130 of its Minutes. We appealed for permission to raise a \$60,000 fund additional to the apportionments in order that we might be able to begin to properly care for our field. You acceded to our request. Our devoted women agreed to take a large share of that amount and went to work to secure a special fund to send forth additional Field Missionaries. But the rank and file of our ministers were opposed to any special efforts and gave it as their judgment that the demands should be met by increased apportionment. The women have been complaining that even the few dollars which they have been able to secure annually for the special fund and to pay the salaries of the additional Field Missionaries sent out are devoted to meet the regular apportionments.

To the Toledo convention we presented a survey of the neglected fields extending from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and our plea is recorded pages 141-148 of its Minutes. We need the \$60,000 additional to the regular apportionment of 1911 and hence we earnestly ask that the General Council

apportion the amounts herein indicated to the respective Synods for each year of the coming biennium and urge upon them the monthly payment of the receipts on apportionment through their synodical treasurers to the Home Mission Board. If the world is to be converted, America must be converted. This is the Jerusalem where devout men of every nation under heaven are dwelling. From 1901 to 1910 there came more than eight millions of people from Europe, Asia and Africa to these United States. India, China, Japan, Africa, Persia and the islands of the seas were represented in large numbers. Of these there returned in that same period three million and a half to the lands of their birth. If our 22,000,000 Protestants, led by over 100,000 godly pastors, would enter upon the conquest of America for Christ, with the heroic devotion and self-sacrifice of the armies of Europe, is there any doubt that such an aggressive and believing Church would Christianize the United States? Then, instead of having 15,000 or more of American-born witnesses among the heathen, who must spend years learning the language and finding an entree to the confidence of these foreigners, you would have added every year 350,000 volunteers knowing the language and the people to whom they would return as witnesses for Christ. Then there would be another Pentecost on which the multitudes would hear from men of their own flesh and blood the wonderful works of God. Then you might convert the world in one generation. Converted America is the key to the world's conversion.

We submit to you the following

RECOMMENDATION

We ask the General Council to apportion for each year of the coming biennium:

Ministerium of Pennsylvania	\$ 50,000 00
Pittsburgh Synod	15,000 00
New York and New England Synod.....	7,250 00
District Synod of Ohio	6,500 00
Synod of the Northwest	5,000 00
Chicago Synod	4,000 00
Nova Scotia Synod	1,250 00
Ministerium of New York	1,000 00
Synod of Central Canada	800 00
Pacific Synod	700 00
Total	\$ 91,500 00

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. KUNZMANN, *Secretary*.

The recommendation was referred to the Finance Committee.

ACTION ON ENGLISH HOME MISSIONS

On motion it was

Resolved, That the general question of co-operation with the Panama Conference be considered at the time of the Report of the Committee on Abstracts.

Resolved, That the English Home Mission work be commended to the churches.

On motion of the Rev. G. F. Gehr and Mr. Schlegelmilch, it was

Resolved, That all Boards, which are creatures of the General Council, shall have their accounts properly audited before presenting the same to the General Council, the audit to accompany the report.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Weiskotten, it was

Resolved, That the English Home Mission Report be adopted so soon as the proper audit has been attached thereto.

See Audit following report

Rev. Dr. Charles L. Fry presented the

REPORT OF THE LUTHERAN MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION SOCIETY

Whoever devised the loan-system for building new churches, without spending a dollar of any Extension Society's capital fund (since none of it is ever given "for keeps"), deserves a monument to his memory. Or had we not better say, he has many monuments to his memory, and of the very best sort?

Money which continues in perpetual motion, being used over and over and over again, until the loan-fund needs of our Lutheran people shall have been supplied, throughout the entire length and breadth of the Continent, is absolutely unique. There is nothing else that resembles it in this salient feature. It means immensely much to America, as well as immensely much to the Church. For we surely do have the people to gather. They are here now, by the tens of thousands. And they will be here in far greater numbers, when the present war in Europe is over, and the awful devastations will be left in its wake.

PECULIAR HINDRANCES DURING THE PAST BIENNIUM

Full of determination to realize as much as possible of the immeasurable lasting good which will accrue to the Church through its Extension agency, the present incumbent entered upon his new office two years ago, with high hopes and large plans. If the way had been clear to carry these projects into effect, at the favorable time of the outstart of a new regime, having a superintendent to devote all his energies to promoting its efficiency, the work would have given a good account of itself by this biennial report.

But a number of unprecedented obstacles, each entirely exceptional in

its nature, and of huge proportions, loomed up just at that inopportune juncture, to block our progress. Was it not quite a curious coincidence that every English-speaking Synod in the General Council (and these are the only Synods in the Church Extension Society's constituency), had on foot some special educational enterprise, which was imperative in its urgency, and, therefore, voted that this should have the right of way for the immediate present, in preference to anything else?

In the Pennsylvania Ministerium and the New York and New England Synod, it was the \$500,000 fund for Muhlenberg College and the Theological Seminary at Mt. Airy. In the Pittsburgh Synod, it was Thiel College. In the Central Canada and the Nova Scotia Synods, it was the Seminary at Waterloo. In the Chicago and the Northwest Synods, it was the Seminary at Maywood. In the Pacific Synod, it was the Seminary at Seattle. In the Ohio Synod, it was their projected new institutions, educational and benevolent.

Pastors everywhere felt that these large projects, in addition to their regular apportionments, at a time of acute financial stringency, have been straining their congregations' resources to the breaking point. Not for a moment would the Extension Society lay the least straw in the way of the complete success of the special educational efforts, so laudable and necessary. As the officials of these movements will testify, it not only refrained from pressing any rival claims for our people's contributions, but, on the contrary, it exerted the full measure of its strength to aid the institutions in securing such adequate equipment as is indispensable to fulfilling their high task. The whole itinerary as planned (for visiting men and women of means, in different parts of the country during 1914, to secure memorial memberships at \$1,000 apiece), was altogether set aside, until the time-limit for the other projects had expired. This in view of the fact that when the \$2,000,000 quadri-centennial fund shall have the right of way, then Church Extension will come in for a full share, and all the delayed plans can be fulfilled.

In this connection, it is worthy of very special note that the large Missouri Synod, by far the strongest of the general bodies of Lutherans in the United States, has voted that the entire amount of its quadri-centennial offerings in 1917 shall be devoted to its Church Extension fund. This is surely placing the highest possible estimate on the value and importance of that work.

THE WAR'S DISASTROUS INFLUENCES

As to the set-back in Church Extension work due to the ravages of the war now raging, with its demoralizing influence on all financial circles, this is too self-evident to need lengthy reference. The sudden outburst of a cyclone is surely an emergency which a farmer must reckon with, whose fields were ripe with harvests just ready to be reaped, when the storm broke, with scarcely a moment's warning!

"Naturally and inevitably, the first current of life to feel the effects of a great conflict is always the business current. Mobilization of troops had scarcely been begun before exchanges were closed, business communica-

tions cut off, and the whole machinery stopped with a terrific jar. The shock went through the whole body of business, the world over."

It has sadly crippled our progress, by preventing re-payment of loans by the churches, and delaying our annual membership fees. In spite of the war, a visitation of the congregations in Nova Scotia and Central Canada was made in September, 1914, by official invitation of the two Synods, but all that could be done was to sow the seed of a future harvest.

SUMMARY OF RESULTS

Nevertheless, good work was effected in many places throughout the different sections of the General Council, which will be doubled in its extent, when conditions shall again become normal. During the year 1913 there came into the hands of E. Aug. Miller, Esq., treasurer, \$13,000 from pyramids, \$4,500 from special gifts, \$12,500 from loans repaid, \$1,000 annuity deposit, \$13,000 from sales of property, \$6,000 from other sources, total, \$50,000. Extension loans were voted during the same year to Ash tabula, Ohio; Berlin and Galt, Ont.; Chicago (St. John's and St. Peter's); E. Orange, N. J.; Minneapolis, Holy Communion; Montreal and Ottawa; Pacific Theological Seminary at Seattle; Philadelphia (Olney and Slovak churches); Pittsburgh, Mt. Zion; Tuscarora, Ohio; Vancouver, B. C.; Yonkers, N. Y.

During the year 1914 the treasurer received \$14,678 from pyramids; \$2,025, Mrs. Erben's legacy; \$2,615, Artman legacy (balance); \$500, Mrs. Mehrkam's legacy; \$98, Mrs. Stevenson's legacy; \$1,114, Mrs. I. B. Cottman's special gift; \$7,101, loans repaid; \$250, interest on loans; \$2,503, annuity deposits; total, \$30,884.

Loans were sent in 1914 to Beloit, Wis.; Hartford, Conn.; Hershey and Palmerton, Pa.; Lafayette, Ind.; Madison and Oshkosh, Wis.; Philadelphia (Frankford and Prince of Peace); Waterloo, Ont. The loans of 1915 have been to Poughkeepsie, N. Y.; Marquette Manor, Chicago; Weehawken, N. J.; Roxboro, Philadelphia; Fremont, Ohio; St. Barnabas, Brooklyn; Neenah-Menasha, Wisconsin; Milwaukee (Resurrection and Washington Park); Victoria, British Columbia; Halifax, Nova Scotia.

St. John's Church, of Chicago, magnanimously reimbursed the Extension Society for the loss recently sustained at Buckley, Ill., by voting to our treasury the proceeds of the sale of St. John's property, consequent upon the congregation's decision to disband. Its building was sold to the Episcopalians as a sanctuary for the deaf and dumb.

DEATH OF DR. SAMUEL LAIRD, EX-PRESIDENT

This death in Philadelphia, on December 18, 1913, removed a commanding figure in Church Extension development within the bounds of the General Council. Always an ardent advocate of the Extension cause from its very inception, he was the efficient president of the Board from the death of Dr. Seiss to the time of his own physical disability. And he threw all the weight of his wide influence, personal and official, into every plan for its furtherance.

We hereby put on record our unanimous and heart-felt tribute to his fidelity, and our profound sense of his eminent worth. Being dead he yet speaketh the same appeal for steadfast service which was his constant theme in life.

LEGACIES, ANNUITIES AND GIFTS

The bequest of Miss Rebecca Erben was \$2,025.00; Mrs. Mary Mehrkam and Mrs. Elizabeth A. Peiper, \$500.00 each; Mrs. Flora Stevenson, \$98, and \$2,614.59 was received as the balance of the Artman legacy. Mrs. Julia A. Church, of Shiremanstown, Pa., willed \$4,000.00, and a larger bequest from her daughter, Mrs. P. A. Keller, has not yet come to hand, since the estate is now in process of settlement. An earnest plea is hereby made that generous bequests to the Society may be more frequent in the future. And that aged members of congregations, who are deriving income from their invested funds, shall invest these funds in the Society's work, rather than in secular concerns. This "annuity plan" means that they draw their interest, regularly every six months, as long as they live, from the Church Extension treasury, which gives bonds to the donors as absolute security. And after their death the money *remains* in the treasury, as the Society's permanent possession. Thus it will go on doing its blessed Extension work until the end of time. Our people in general are not sufficiently acquainted with this more recent department of the movement, to swell the sum of the invested amounts to the large total which we ought to have in the annuity fund. Miss Mary A. R. Losch, of Orange, California, invested \$2,000 at 5 per cent. interest, six months ago. Mr. John J. Long, of East Bangor, Penna., invested \$300, and Miss Augusta Rudhart \$600. Several persons, under the leadership of our president, Dr. Jacob Fry, have recently entered the ranks of contributors of \$1,000 apiece, toward accumulating an adequate loan-fund by the time 1917, our great quadri-centennial, arrives.. We have both men and women who could enter this honor role. The first woman to do so is Mrs. I. B. Cottman. No better investment of \$1,000 could possibly be made.

The total capital of the Society at present is somewhat over \$275,000, and this ought by all means be doubled, if we are to keep pace with our growing opportunities.

PASTORS ARE SHAREHOLDERS

The following is a list of pastors who hold an annual or life membership. Their names cannot fail to be a stimulus, not only to their brethren, but also to the laymen and women of their congregations and their acquaintances, whose interest in the Church Extension cause ought to be vital and practical. Those names which have been transferred to the Church Triumphant are indicated by the special designation (*).

Pennsylvania Ministerium

Pastors B. F. Apple,* I. O. Baker, V. J. Bauer, J. A. Bauman, Ph.D., J. L. Becker, D.D., P. A. Behler, J. A. Bender, C. K. Binder, W. F. Bond,

H. H. Bruning, D.D.,* C. J. Cooper, D.D., J. J. Cressman,* W. F. Deibert, C. K. Fegley, A. S. Fichthorn, D.D.,* E. E. Fischer, F. K. Fretz, Ph.D., Jacob Fry, LL.D., C. L. Fry, D.D., J. R. Groff,* C. P. Harry, Reuben Hill, D.D.,* I. C. Hoffman, J. W. Horine, F. K. Huntzinger, C. E. Kistler, W. U. Kistler, H. C. Kline, J. F. Kramlich, F. C. Krapf, J. H. Kuder, G. G. Kunkle, J. C. Kunzmann, D.D., Samuel Laird, D.D.,* J. W. Lazarus, C. Armand Miller, D.D., W. H. Myers, H. S. Paules, E. P. H. Pfatteicher, Ph.D., O. E. Pflueger,* M. O. Rath, S. A. Repass, D.D.,* M. H. Richards, D.D.,* D. A. Roth, G. W. Sandt, D.D., W. A. Schaeffer, D.D.,* J. A. Seiss, LL.D.,* E. E. Sibole, D.D., H. D. Spaeth, G. F. Spieker, LL.D.,* A. Steimle, D.D., A. T. W. Steinhæuser, D.D., D. D. Trexler,* H. E. C. Wahrman, J. H. Waidelich, A. M. Weber, B. G. Welder, H. A. Weller, E. A. Yehl, M. L. Zweizig.

New York and New England

F. F. Fry, D.D., F. A. Kaehler, D.D., U. J. Klingensmith, G. C. Loos, C. J. Smith, D.D., E. H. Trafford, J. H. Worth.

Pittsburgh Synod

F. W. Ash, A. N. Bartholomew,* F. S. Beistel, G. A. Benze, D.D., G. W. Critchlow, Jesse Dunn, R. R. Durst, J. L. Fischer, G. F. Gehr, F. W. Kohler, E. F. Krauss, D.D., H. L. McMurray, A. M. Mehrkam, D.D., W. A. Passavant, D.D.,* W. A. Passavant, Jr.,* W. F. Pfeiffer, C. E. Read, R. D. Roeder, J. Sarver, D.D., G. H. Schnur, J. A. Waters.

District Synod of Ohio

W. A. Beates, G. A. Bierdemann, D.D., V. B. Christy, J. H. Hunton,* C. K. Hunton, A. B. Markley, Ph.D., G. W. Mechling, D.D., E. F. Ritter, J. M. Wenrich.

Chicago Synod

A. C. Anda, G. F. Dittmar, B. F. Hoefer, G. C. Smith, C. L. Warstler.

Northwest Synod

J. F. Beates, F. W. Klingensmith, C. P. Weiskotten.

Pacific Synod

J. A. Leas.

Central Canada

M. J. Bieber.

LIST OF CHURCHES NOW HOLDING LOANS

Notice how these towns are sprinkled over the entire map from coast to coast. Ashtabula; Atlantic City; Attleboro; Aurora and Austin, Ill.; Beloit; Berlin, Canada; Boston; Brooklyn; Carrick; Cedarburg, Wis.; Chicago; Cleveland; Conway; Coshocton; The Dalles, Oregon; Defiance; Detroit; Duluth; Dunkirk; East Orange; Elmira; Fargo; Fremont; Galt and Guelph and Hamilton, in Canada; Halifax, Nova Scotia; Harrisburg; Hartford, Conn.; Hershey, Pa.; Kenosha and La Crosse, Wis.; Lafayette, Ind.; Livingston, Mont.; Madison; Magnolia; Marquette

Manor; Milwaukee; Minneapolis; Montreal; Mt. Vernon, N. Y.; Neenah-Menasha, Wis.; Newark, N. J.; New Britain, Conn.; Oshkosh; Ottawa; Pacific Seminary; Palmerton; Perth Amboy; Philadelphia; Pittsburgh; Portland, Ore.; Poughkeepsie; Racine; Roxboro; Scranton; Seattle; Superior; Tacoma; Toledo; Trenton; Tuscorara; Vancouver, Wash.; Vancouver and Victoria, British Columbia; Washington, D. C.; Waterloo, Canada; Weehawken and Wildwood, N. J.; Winnipeg; Yonkers.

CHURCH EXTENSION RALLY IN PHILADELPHIA

When the Pastoral Association of Philadelphia unanimously voted, a year ago, that the conjoint service of all the English congregations of the General Council in the city to be held in St. Mark's Church, in February, 1915, shall be in the interest of the Extension cause, they were acting more wisely than they knew. Little did any of them then dream of an impending war, with its mighty upheaval in the whole social fabric of Europe, and its consequent flood of immigrants which will pour in upon our shores when the titanic conflict has spent itself. What could be a more timely and appropriate thing, in view of this *Lutheran inundation* of the near future, than if every city would copy Philadelphia's good example, and arrange a combined Church Extension rally between Ash Wednesday and Easter? The Philadelphia Women's Missionary Society (like the Chicago Society in advance of it) has taken a life-membership at \$50, calling upon every Conference Society to do likewise, and every local Society to take an annual membership. There are many Sunday-school classes which could do this much, and a host of individual communicants. We ought to have a ten-fold larger active membership. This means investing \$5.00 a year in the perpetual loan-fund, which is being *continually spent* every minute, but not a cent of it ever *expended*. Our 1,200 annual memberships should be at least 12,000, in a General Council constituency of half a million. Even this would enlist only one communicant in every fifty, a fraction surely small enough!

What might we not accomplish, as a Church, with such countless multitudes of Lutheran people to be gathered, if we had an Extension fund of a million dollars, instead of a third of a million, which is more than the aggregate of our resources? Even a million would be only a *fraction* of what other denominations have, with not a *tithe* of the souls to care for, that are our marvelous heritage!

For an Extension fund of such dimensions, there must be gifts measured not simply by the five and fifty dollar standards, but by the thousands and tens of thousands. Or are all givers of such proportions to be found only in Churches *other* than the old historic Mother Church of Protestantism? If there be any within our own communion, will the memorable year 1917 summon them forth, by its bugle call, to take their rightful place, and act commensurately with the bigness of the proposition we are facing?

CHARLES L. FRY, *Gen'l Supt.*,
805 Drexel Building, Philadelphia.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF E. AUG. MILLER, ESQ., TREASURER

Receipts for the Biennium

	1913	1914
Balance on hand	\$ 6,476 22	\$ 5,136 82
Ministerium of Pennsylvania	5,523 02	7,346 76
Pittsburgh Synod	2,716 45	2,476 05
District Synod of Ohio	1,109 00	650 71
Chicago Synod	117 47	268 86
New York and New England Synod.....	1,363 48	1,573 18
Synod of the Northwest	728 11	779 75
Pacific Synod	53 35	50 00
Synod of Central Canada	226 61	204 06
Nova Scotia Synod .....	.....	92 55
Ministerium of New York	10 00	25 00
Individuals	1,058 65	1,160 00
Unclassified sources	17 41	51 00
E. R. Artman estate, on account	2,500 00	2,614 59
Catharine Rommel estate	1,000 00	.....
Dr. Jacob Fry, special gift	1,000 00	.....
Mrs. Cottman, special gift .....	.....	1,113 67
Sioux Falls, settlement	5,695 45	.....
Buckley, Ill., settlement .....	.....	101 00
Salt Lake City, property	6,000 00	.....
Spanish Forks, Utah, property .....	.....	388 50
Lots at Bismarck, N. Dak.....	1,313 95	.....
Interest on Deposits	347 52	202 86
Annuity Bond, Miss Rudhart	600 00	.....
Annuity Bond, Miss Losch .....	.....	2,000 00
Annuity Bond, John J. Long .....	.....	300 00
Miss Rebecca Erben legacy .....	.....	2,025 00
Mrs. Mary Mehrkam legacy .....	.....	500 00
Mrs. Flora Stevenson legacy .....	.....	98 00
Zion, Olney, interest on loan.....	16 75	.....
Mediator, Philadelphia, same	150 00	150 00
All Saints, Philadelphia, same	100 00	100 00

RE-PAYMENT ON LOANS

Mt. Vernon, N. Y.	200 00	.....
Holy Trinity, St. Paul	1,000 00	.....
Coshocton, Ohio	705 68	.....
St. John's, Ogontz	220 00	210 00
Zion, Olney	975 00	.....
Resurrection, Philadelphia	100 00	175 00
Dunkirk, N. Y.	190 00	450 00

	1913	1914
Wyndmoor, Philadelphia	1,375 00	.....
St. Luke's, Toledo	500 00	400 00
St. Paul's, Toronto	5,000 00	.....
St. Mark's, Boston	607 00	580 83
Trinity, Minneapolis	500 00	150 00
Apostles', Philadelphia	100 00	200 00
Grace, Perth Amboy	250 00	250 00
Yonkers, N. Y.	200 00	.....
The Dalles, Oregon .....	.....	200 00
Wildwood, N. J. ....	.....	200 00
Holy Communion, Harrisburg .....	.....	150 00
Emmaus, Cleveland .....	.....	100 00
Conway, Pa. ....	.....	100 00
Janesville, Wis. ....	.....	3,000 00
Hamilton, Ontario .....	.....	20 00
Incarnation, Philadelphia .....	.....	76 58
Defiance, Ohio .....	.....	200 00
Transfiguration, Philadelphia .....	.....	150 00
	\$ 50,046 12	\$ 36,020 77
		50,046 12

Total for Biennium\$ 86,066 89

E. AUGUSTUS MILLER, *Treasurer.*

Resolved, That the report be received and spread on the minutes so soon as the society complies with the request in Minutes of 1913, page 154, and furnishes an audit of its accounts.

PHILADELPHIA, PA., April 14, 1915.

We, the undersigned Finance Committee of the Lutheran Mission and Church Extension Society, have examined and audited the account of E. Aug. Miller, treasurer of the Society, to Jan. 1st, 1915, and find same correct.

We have also examined the securities as tabulated in the annual report, and find them as stated therein.

JOHN WILLING,
JAMES N. MOHR,
Finance Committee.

REPAYMENT OF LOANS TO JANUARY 1, 1915

By unanimous action of the General Council at Toledo in 1913, the Church Extension Society was requested to append to all subsequent reports printed in the official minutes of the Council, a statistical table

of parishes holding loans, stating the date and the amount of the loan, also the amount repaid. The following list is therefore published in compliance with that action:

Church	Date	Amount	Repaid in 1913	Repaid in 1914	Repaid Previously
Mt. Vernon, N. Y.	1896	\$1,000.	\$200.	.....	\$300.
Coshocton, Ohio	1903	1,500.	705.	.....	352.
St. John's, Ogontz	1904	2,000.	220.	\$210.	485.
Zion, Olney	1904	600.	250.	.....	150.
Resurrection, Phila.	1901	2,500.	100.	175.	225.
Dunkirk, N. Y.	1912	2,000.	190.	450.	110.
St. Luke's, Toledo	1907	2,000.	500.	400.	1,000.
St. Mark's, Boston	1905	8,000.	607.	581.	.....
Trinity, Minneapolis	1907	1,200.	500.	150.	.....
Apostles', Phila.	1902	5,000.	100.	200.	1,150.
Perth Amboy, N. J.	1904	3,000.	250.	250.	.....
Yonkers, N. Y.	1909	3,000.	200.	.....	.....
The Dalles, Oregon	1898	900.	.....	200.	500.
Wildwood, N. J.	1911	1,000.	.....	200.	.....
Harrisburg, Pa.	1907	3,000.	.....	150.	.....
Emmaus, Cleveland	1912	1,500.	.....	100.	.....
Conway, Penna.	1911	1,000.	.....	100.	.....
Hamilton, Ontario	1910	5,000.	.....	20.	.....
Incarnation, Phila.	1906	2,000.	.....	77.	836.
Transfiguration, Phila.	1900	1,000.	.....	150.	100.
Tacoma, Wash.	1909	3,500.	.....	.....	.....
Grace, Newark	1906	6,000.	.....	.....	.....
Redeemer, Milwaukee	1897	9,344.	.....	.....	3,644.
Portland, Oregon	1906	12,000.	.....	.....	.....
St. John's, Duluth	1897	5,000.	.....	.....	1,063.
Kenosha, Wis.	1903	2,500.	.....	.....	.....
Bethlehem, Phila.	1903	5,000.	.....	.....	.....
La Crosse, Wis.	1899	1,450.	.....	.....	.....
Detroit, St. Paul's	1904	5,000.	.....	.....	.....
Holy Com., Racine	1901	1,500.	.....	.....	.....
Trinity, Seattle	1903	3,500.	.....	.....	.....
Our Saviour, Trenton	1902	2,000.	.....	.....	1,000.
Vancouver, Wash.	1903	1,500.	.....	.....	50.
Elmira, N. Y.	1903	1,000.	.....	.....	.....
Our Saviour, Phila.	1909	5,000.	.....	.....	.....
St. Luke's, Chicago	1905	2,500.	.....	.....	.....
Attleboro, Penna.	1906	1,000.	.....	.....	.....
Washington, D. C.	1906	5,000.	.....	1,000.	.....
St. Paul's, Scranton	1906	2,500.	.....	.....	.....
Epiphany, Milwaukee	1906	8,000.	.....	.....	.....
Aurora, Ill.	1907	2,500.	.....	.....	.....

Church	Date	Amount	Repaid in 1913	Repaid in 1914	Repaid Previously
New Britain, Conn.	1910	4,900.	.....	.....	.....
St. James', Chicago	1908	2,500.	.....	.....	.....
Beloit, Wis.	1914	5,000.	.....	.....	.....
Austin, Ill.	1908	2,500.	.....	.....	.....
Reformation, Milwaukee	1909	5,000.	.....	.....	.....
St. Andrew's, Brooklyn	1914	3,000.	.....	.....	.....
Superior, Wis.	1909	2,000.	.....	.....	.....
Guelph, Canada	1909	2,000.	.....	.....	.....
Winnipeg, Canada	1910	3,000.	.....	.....	.....
Holy Communion, Minneapolis..	1913	2,000.	.....	.....	.....
Victoria, B. C.	1910	3,000.	.....	.....	.....
Atlantic City, N. J.	1910	1,500.	.....	.....	200.
Fargo, N. Dak.	1911	3,000.	.....	.....	.....
All Saints, Phila.	1912	7,000.	.....	.....	.....
Christ, Detroit	1911	3,000.	.....	.....	.....
Cedarburg, Wis.	1911	1,000.	.....	.....	.....
Overbrook, Phila.	1911	2,000.	.....	.....	.....
Madison, Wis.	1911	5,000.	.....	.....	.....
Epiphany, Chicago	1912	5,000.	.....	.....	.....
Carrick, Penna.	1912	3,000.	.....	.....	.....
Mediator, Phila.	1912	7,570.	.....	.....	.....
St. Barnabas, Brooklyn	1912	3,000.	.....	.....	.....
St. Stephen's, Phila.	1912	5,000.	.....	.....	.....
Livingston, Mont.	1912	5,000.	.....	.....	.....
Ashtabula, Ohio	1912	1,000.	.....	.....	.....
Vancouver, B. C.	1913	5,000.	.....	.....	.....
Galt, Ontario	1913	1,000.	.....	.....	.....
Redeemer, Montreal	1913	4,000.	.....	.....	.....
Berlin, Ontario	1913	5,000.	.....	.....	.....
St. Peter's, Ottawa	1913	4,000.	.....	.....	.....
Tuscarora, Pa.	1913	500.	.....	.....	.....
Pacific Seminary	1914	5,000.	.....	.....	.....
East Orange, N. J.	1913	3,000.	.....	.....	.....
St. Peter's, Chicago	1913	3,000.	.....	.....	.....
Prince of Peace, Phila.	1914	2,500.	.....	.....	.....
Hershey, Penna.	1914	3,000.	.....	.....	.....
Hartford, Conn.	1914	3,000.	.....	.....	.....
Lafayette, Ind.	1914	5,000.	.....	.....	.....
Salem, Frankford	1914	2,200.	.....	.....	.....
Palmerton, Pa.	1914	2,000.	.....	.....	.....
Oshkosh, Wis.	1914	3,000.	.....	.....	.....
Waterloo, Ont.	1914	3,000.	.....	.....	.....

The following churches have paid their loans in full:

St. John's, McKeesport, Pa.	Trinity, Elizabeth, N. J.
St. John's, Anderson, Ind.	St. John's, New Castle, Pa.
Redeemer, Syracuse, N. Y.	Grace, Toledo, Ohio.
St. John's, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.	St. Paul's, New Kensington, Pa.
St. Matthew's, Toledo, Ohio.	Trinity, Manoa, Pa.
Salt Lake City, Utah.	St. Mark's, Minneapolis.
Salem, Minneapolis.	Grace, Wyndmoor, Pa.
St. Peter's, Natrona, Pa.	St. Peter's, Janesville, Wis.
St. James', St. Paul, Minn.	St. John's, Chicago, Ill.
Holy Trinity, Cleveland, O.	Trinity, St. Paul, Minn.
Zion, Defiance, Ohio.	St. Paul's, Toronto, Canada.
Christ, Detroit, Mich.	Mt. Zion, Pittsburgh, Pa.

The Rev. N. R. Melhorn presented, and the Council adopted, in amended form, the following

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EXAMINING CHURCH EXTENSION SOCIETY'S CHARTER

The committee appointed to consider a modification of the Charter of the Church Extension Society with a view to making it an integral part of the General Council, reports as follows:

A. In order to place the work of the Society in more direct relation with the Synods of the General Council, we recommend the following resolution for adoption by the General Council:

"The General Council invites the Lutheran Mission and Church Extension Society to consider the incorporation in its By-Laws of rules whereby it may have more direct representation in each Synod."

The following are recommended:

1. The Lutheran Mission and Church Extension Society requests each Synod in which work authorized by its Charter is carried on, to empower a suitable person to represent the Synod in the Society.

2. Each person so empowered, shall be authorized to attend all meetings of the Board of Managers and the Society's annual meeting, and shall be given voice on all matters pertaining to his Synod, and may bring to the notice of the Society his Synod's needs and its resources.

3. He shall represent the Society at the meetings of his Synod, reporting its status, actions and needs, and shall co-operate with the Board of Managers in their efforts to increase Church Extension operations within the confines of his Synod. The secretary of the Society shall supply him with minutes, reports, and resolutions necessary for such representation in his Synod.

4. The attention of the Lutheran Mission and Church Extension Society is directed to the action of the General Council in 1889 (see Minutes, pages 43, 47, 62, 63) wherein they were asked to consider the permanent relationship between the Society and the General Council.

B. Relative to Slav work (see Minutes p. 218), your committee finds that the funds now administered by the Society have been contributed for purposes other than those represented by the Slav Board, and cannot be applied to their work without violation of Charter. The Slav Board, however, can deposit with the Church Extension Society as Trustee any funds it may gather for loans to congregations under their control, and may designate the rules under which such funds are to be administered.

Respectfully submitted,

THE COMMITTEE,

N. R. MELHORN, *Chairman*.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Kunzmann, it was

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to confer with the Lutheran Mission and Church Extension Society for the purpose of carrying into effect the above action of the General Council, and to report in 1917.

The Report was adopted as a whole.

Committee to Confer with the Church Extension Society:—The Revs. 11. A. Weller, I. C. Hoffman and G. F. Gehr and Messrs. James Gear, G. W. March, and F. Henrich.

The Rev. Dr. Belfour presented the

REPORT OF THE PORTO RICO MISSION BOARD

To the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America.

FATHERS AND BRETHREN:—At the last convention of the Council, it was our painful duty to announce, in the opening paragraph of our Report, the death of two of the clerical members of the Board, and now we must record the departure from this life of the lay member, Mr. W. Warren Wattles, July 17, 1914. He was a member of the Board from its organization in 1901, and was always faithful in attendance even when almost too feeble to walk. The place thus made vacant was filled by the election of Mr. John B. Kaercher. And the Rev. T. O. Keister, D.D., was elected to succeed the Rev. J. W. Richards, who had resigned and removed to Philadelphia.

During the past two years we have had cheering evidence of the favor of God in the life and work of the Mission. Whilst there have been cases of sickness, the lives of our Mission workers have been spared. But nearly two years ago Miss Mellander's health was in a very serious condition, and her physician said that a protracted rest in the States was the sole condition of recovery. And, after careful treatment at her home, she took up the work of the Mission by advocating its interests and need before the churches, Sunday-schools and Societies, chiefly in the Augustana Synod, but also in the East and Canada. Her health is now so much improved that she will return to Porto Rico after the convention of the Council.

On the first of August, 1914, the Rev. H. Branson Richards began his work as Field Secretary in the East and has continued to the present time to explain and advocate the work and needs of the Mission in Porto Rico.

Two female missionaries were commissioned and added to our force, Miss Emma Schmid of California, and Miss Sophia Probst of Ohio, the latter having spent two years in South America as preceptress, and there acquired a valuable knowledge of the Spanish language. The former began her term of service March 14, 1914, and the latter August 29, 1914.

In our last Report we stated that a young Roman Catholic priest, Marciano L. de Alda, had come to our Mission from South America for the study of the doctrines of the Lutheran Church, and that, after careful instruction by the Rev. Ostrom, he was confirmed and became a teacher in the Mission. And the Board arranged to have him spend a term, in 1914, in our Seminary in Philadelphia. There he made an excellent record, and was ordained in the Spring by the Ministerium of Pennsylvania, and duly called as a Missionary by the Board. He at once returned to the work on the island, but was given a second term in the Seminary in 1915. We feel that he is a gift of God to us. And another interesting incident has occurred. Shortly after the opening of the Mission, and when the Rev. H. F. Richards was in charge and Miss

Wahlstedt was an assistant, the latter standing outside the place of worship, on a Sunday, offered a little tract to a young Spaniard, a Roman Catholic, and invited him to attend the service, which he did. The result was that he came under instruction and was confirmed. He was born in one of the Canary Islands. Later he left Porto Rico, but clung to his new faith. He entered the service of the British Bible Society and labored in Spain and elsewhere. This young man, Dionisio Miranda, came to Baltimore last winter and visited the Rev. Richards, his pastor, and there met Miss Mellander. This brought him to the notice of our Board, and our Secretary, the Rev. B. F. Hankey, visited him in Baltimore and arranged with him to enter our service and took him to our Seminary in Philadelphia, where Dr. Jacobs had promised to let him attend some of the classes; and there he met the Rev. de Alda. And now he is at work in Porto Rico. How wonderful are the leadings of God!

There are in our field 9 congregations, 12 mission stations, 16 Sunday-schools, 6 Luther Leagues, 1 kindergarten school, and 532 Communicant members.

A very neat chapel was built at Monacillo and dedicated Feb. 8, 1914, to the great joy of the people of the neighborhood; and a chapel and parsonage were also built at Palo Seco and dedicated Sept. 28, 1914, at the cost of \$2,815.55, of which amount Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Stine of Allentown, Pa., gave the very generous sum of \$1,000.00. The work in Bayamon has all along been under the care of the Rev. A. P. G. Anderson and has been in urgent need of a good church building. This has at last been erected, and was dedicated Oct. 4, 1914, with very interesting services. The cost was \$3,525.00, the major part of which has been given by the Luther League of the Kansas Conference of the Augustana Synod, and they will provide the balance. A lot was also bought in Toa Baja at a cost of \$325.00.

The purchase of a lot for the church to be built in San Juan requires explanation. After many fruitless efforts a lot was bought in a section of the city known as Miramar, and, through peculiar circumstances, at the very low price of \$3,500.00. But by the time that we were ready to take up the matter of building, a serious difficulty arose. A large number of people of means had bought lots and built homes there, and they were bitterly opposed to having a congregation of colored people in their midst, and it was seen, that, if we carried out our purpose, we would incur the ill will of the community. It was therefore decided to locate the parsonage on part of this lot and to reserve the rest for a church for the Spanish congregation, or to sell that part, if deemed preferable. But a very desirable lot was secured in Puerta de Tierra (about a half mile from old city line), in which the population has increased 100 per cent. in ten years. The plan and specifications of the church have now been completed, and we expect to give out the contract in the immediate future, but a special effort must be made to increase the building fund. The

furnishing of the new church is provided for by subscriptions pledged by pastors throughout the General Council.

We here present the Rev. A. Ostrom's special biennial report:

Biennial Report from the Mission Field in Porto Rico.

From July 1, 1913, to July 1, 1915.

To the Porto Rico Mission Board:

It gives me great pleasure to give you the following report, as the past two years have been a period of growth and constructive work, which will, by God's help and blessing, bring encouraging results in the future. Churches have been built, properties bought, congregations have grown larger, new mission fields have been entered, the native preachers and native women missionaries have grown in efficiency and numbers, and one ordained minister, whose native tongue is Spanish, has just now entered upon his active work in our mission. These are briefly the facts that give promise of results in the future.

ORDAINED MISSIONARIES AND AMERICAN LADY HELPERS.

There are now three ordained missionaries on the field, *Rev. A. P. G. Anderson*, located at Bayamon, *Rev. M. L. de Alda*, located at Catano, and the undersigned, living in San Juan.

The senior missionary was on furlough from July 9 to Oct. 3, 1913, and Rev. Anderson left on his furlough May 19th this year.

The Rev. Marciano Lopez de Alda became a member of the Spanish congregation in San Juan, Dec. 1, 1912. He had charge of the work in Catano till Sept. 17, 1913, when, upon the request of the Board, he went to the Philadelphia Lutheran Seminary to pursue a year's course of studies. He was ordained at Easton, June 8, 1914, and came back to Catano July 1, where he worked till Sept. 23, last year, when, desirous of pursuing further studies at the same Seminary, he again went north. He returned May 5, this year, and was put in full charge of the work in Catano May 19.

Miss Emma Schmid arrived in Porto Rico March 18, last year, and was assigned as a Bible women in the English congregation, San Juan. Shortly after her arrival the change of climate seemed to affect her, but she soon rallied, and got strong for the work, which she has taken hold of with great enthusiasm. She has made 2,214 visits and conducted 83 Bible classes in various homes since her arrival. She has also taken part in the English Sunday-school work, and done work in the Catano kindergarten, when the helper has been ill.

Miss Sophia Probst came to Porto Rico Sept. 2, last year. The missionary council placed her in charge of the Kindergarten in Catano. Here she has done excellent work, as well as in the Sunday-school in Catano and in visiting. She has also had charge of the English choir, and served as organist of the English congregation in San Juan. Her knowledge of Spanish, and her ability as a musician make her very useful to the mission.

Miss May C. Mellander suffered from a general break-down in October, 1913, and on this account had to leave for the north November 26, the same year, where she has been ever since. She is greatly missed in the Kindergarten and the church in Catano.

MISSIONARY COUNCIL.

By the action of the Board a Missionary Council was organized Feb. 23, 1914. The members of this Council are to be all the American ordained missionaries and their wives, the American lady missionaries, and any ordained missionary in the mission. This Council determines the arrangement of the work on the field, and prepares and places before the Board all matters of importance on the field.

NATIVE PREACHERS.

1. The oldest in the service is *Demetrio Texidor*, who has devoted his time and strength to the congregation on Comerio St., Bayamon, and also later on to the new mission at Pajaros. He reports 3,414 visits during the biennium.

2. *Juan Zambrana* is located at Dorado, having charge of the congregation at that place, and also of the missions, Maracayo, Higuillar, and Saldinera. From Feb. 1, 1914, to March 24, 1915, he also gave what time he could to the congregation at Toa Baja, and the mission at Campanilla. He has made 4,154 visits.

3. *Guillermo Marrero* was located at Toa Baja, having charge of the congregation at that place and the mission at Campanilla, but was transferred to Monacillo, Feb. 1, 1914, where he has charge of the Betania congregation and the missions, Monacillo Arriba, Juan Domingo, and Juan Bailey. Services have been held at all these places. He has also visited in the barrios San Patricio, Frailes and Cuatro Calles. He reports 4,610 visits. His wife has ably assisted him in visiting.

4. *German Vazquez* had charge of the Betesda congregation at Palo Seco and the missions, La Palma and Plantage, till March 24, 1914, when he was transferred to Toa Baja to serve the congregation there and the mission Campanilla. He is very active in visiting the homes of the people, making 7,347 visits.

5. *Sergio Cobian*, a member of the Spanish congregation in San Juan, entered the mission work Aug. 1, 1914, giving the first two months to assisting the senior missionary in San Juan. Oct. 1, he was transferred to Dorado to help Mr. Zambrana on his large field. He was again transferred to Palo Seco and La Palma March 24, when German Vazquez was moved to Toa Baja and Campanilla. Since he entered the work he reports 530 visits.

6. *Dionisio Miranda*, one of the first members of the Spanish congregation in San Juan, confirmed by Rev. H. F. Richards, was engaged in February, this year, by the Board, and sent to the Philadelphia Seminary to pursue some studies. May 26, he arrived in San Juan. During the past month he has assisted in San Juan and Catano.

NATIVE FEMALE WORKERS.

1. *Gabriela Cuervos*, a former able visiting missionary, gave her services to visiting in the Spanish congregation during the furlough of the senior missionary in 1913, making 323 visits during the three months.

2. *Demetria Sanchez* made visits in the same congregation from Oct. 15, 1913, to May 1, 1914, making in all 935 visits, when she left for New York City.

3. *Concepcion Gonzalez* took up the visiting work after her, and has worked hard and with telling results. Since May 1, last year, she has made 2,887 visits.

4. *Genoveva Fernandez* has visited the past two years in the two congregations in Bayamon proper and on Comerio St., excepting a few weeks, when she was ill. She reports 2,453 visits.

5. *Dolores Q. de Martinez* was the able assistant of Miss Mellander in the Catano Kindergarten till Miss Mellander had to go north, when she was made superintendent of the school. This position she filled, ably assisted by Matilde Llanes, till Sept. 15, 1914, when she felt herself obliged to leave the mission and teach a year in the public schools of the Island, so as not to lose her teacher's diploma. She rendered good service during her stay with us in the Sunday-school and the Luther League in Catano.

6. *Matilde Llanes* has served the mission during the past year as assistant in the Kindergarten at Catano and in visiting in the congregation and in teaching in the Sunday-school, having charge of the Primary Dept., and helping in the Luther League. Her reports show 1,297 visits besides her school work.

Of these six mentioned women missionaries only the following three are now in active service in the mission: Matilde Llanes in Catano, Genoveva Fernandez in Bayamon, and Concepcion Gonzalez in San Juan.

CONGREGATIONS AND MISSIONS.

The whole mission field is divided into two districts, the San Juan District and the Bayamon District.

San Juan District, Rev Alfred Ostrom in charge.

To this district belong the following congregations and missions: *First English Lutheran* congregation, San Juan, *San Pablo* congregation, San Juan, the congregation of *Divino Salvador*, Catano, and the *Betesda* congregation in Palo Seco, with the missions, *La Palma* and *Plantage*. The communicant membership in this district is 361.

Bayamon District, Rev. A. P. G. Anderson in charge.

This district comprises the following congregations and missions, the communicant membership being 171.

Santisima Trinidad, Bayamon, with the missions, *Juan Sanchez* and *Guaraguao*; *Sion*, Comerio St., Bayamon, with the mission, *Pajaros*; *San Pedro*, Toa Baja, with the mission, *Campanilla*; *Getsemani*, Dorado, with the missions, *Maracayo*, *Higuillar*, and *Saldinera*; *Betania*, Monacillo, with the missions, *Monacillo Arriba*, *Juan Domingo*, and *Juan Bailey*.

The whole mission has nine congregations and twelve missions. The Sunday-schools number 16, with an enrollment of about 1,500, though the actual attendance, owing to poverty and other conditions, is much less.

NEW MISSIONS.

During the past two years the following new missions have been added: *Juan Sanchez* during the fourth quarter 1913; *Guaraguao*, fourth quarter, 1913; *Pajaros*, second quarter, 1914; *Juan Domingo*, second quarter, 1914; *Plantage*, third quarter, 1914; and *Juan Bailey*, first quarter, 1915.

LUTHER LEAGUE.

There seems to be a great desire to have Luther Leagues in order to gather the young people, and further instruct them in the Word of God. Luther Leagues have been formed during the biennium in the Spanish congregation in San Juan, Feb. 22, 1914; in Dorado, Jan. 16, 1915; and in Toa Baja, June 5, 1915. These with the Leagues in Catano, Bayamon, and on Comerio St., Bayamon, make six. The principal work at these League meetings is to study the Bible.

THE KINDERGARTEN IN CATANO.

The school terms have been the same as those of the public schools. Miss Mellander had charge of the school, assisted by Dolores Martinez, till November, 1913, when Miss Mellander had to go north. Dolores Martinez was then placed in charge and she served till Sept. 15, 1914, when Miss Sophia Probst was assigned as superintendent of the school. Miss Matilde Llanes was assistant to Dolores Martinez, and later to Miss Probst. The school has been in session for 70 weeks. The average enrollment per term has been 65, the capacity of the school, and the average attendance, 58. The voluntary tuition paid has amounted to \$36.08. The subjects taught have been the regular Kindergarten subjects and those of the first grade: Catechism, Bible Story, Christian morals, English, Spanish, Arithmetic, Writing, Drawing, Music, Nature Study, some Physiology, Hygiene, and Physical exercises.

SEMINARY.

The native preachers have received instruction on Thursdays except during the summer months. They have come from their places of work and received the instruction in Catano from Rev. Anderson and the undersigned, Rev. de Alda also giving a few lessons during the summer of 1913. The courses taught have been Life of Christ, by Stalker, Life of Paul, by Stalker, Bible Facts and Scenes, Study of the Pericopes, History of the Christian Church, by Hurst, Bible Introduction, Dogmatics, Christian Evidences, some Pastoral Theology, and History of Porto Rico and some singing. Demetrio Texidor is the most advanced. Zambrana, Marrero, and Vazquez come next. Sergio Cobian has finished some studies.

MISSION MEETINGS.

During the biennium seven mission meetings have been held, two of which were Annual Conferences. At these mission meetings all the workers are expected to attend and preach, speak on themes, or discuss subjects that are given them. Sessions are held during two days, always closing with Holy Communion. These meetings have been held as follows: Toa Baja, Sept. 8, 9, 1913, main theme, "Christian Training of the Young"; Bayamon, Dec. 12, 13, 1913, main theme, "The Church"; Monacillo, Feb. 9, 10, 1914, in connection with the dedication of the chapel, main theme, "Betania"; Palo Seco, April 13, 14, 1914, main theme, "Resurrection"; Bayamon, Oct. 5, 6, 1914, in connection with the dedication, various themes; Comerio St. Bayamon, Jan. 26, 27, 1915, various themes; and in Catano, March 23, 24, 1915, main theme, "The Passion of Our Saviour."

NEW CHURCH EDIFICES.

The past biennium has been a period of rejoicing in that we have had the great satisfaction and joy of dedicating no less than three church edifices. The *Betania chapel, Monacillo*, largely built by Rev. Mr. Hemsath, and finished by a contractor here, was dedicated Feb. 8, 1914. During the early part of the year 1914 instructions were received from the Board to get plans made and bids for a church in Bayamon, and a chapel and frame parsonage in Palo Seco. The contract for these buildings were made June 29, with Mr. F. B. Hatch. He immediately began the work and rushed it to completion, so that on Sept. 28th, we could dedicate the concrete *chapel in Palo Seco*, to which our mission friends, Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Stine, of Allentown, Pa., contributed \$1,000. The parsonage adjoining for the native worker was also finished at the same time. The *Bayamon church*, also of concrete, was dedicated Oct. 4, being a gift of the Luther League of the Kansas Conference of the Augustana Synod.

ENGLISH CHURCH BUILDING IN SAN JUAN.

Three years ago a beautiful lot was bought in Miramar, but later developments have proved that, though the location is excellent for a parsonage, it was not the proper place for the English church. The Board was informed of the existing conditions and instructions were given to try to locate a property in Puerta de Tierra, where about 40 per cent. of the English people live within easy walking distance of any centrally located place. Providentially a most excellent property on the ocean front was found, and bought at a very low figure. The owner being financially embarrassed had to sell immediately. Our mission has been

congratulated by everybody, not only because of the very best location for a church, but also because of the low figure. The purchase was made Aug. 15, last year. The Board decided that plans should be drawn for a parsonage on the Miramar lot, but we, feeling down here that the church ought to go up first, the Board gave instructions for plans for the church and a building adjoining, whose first floor could be used for Sunday-school rooms and the second floor for missionaries. The revised plans are now before the Board.

NEW PROPERTIES.

Besides the Puerta de Tierra lot, with three houses, a centrally located lot on the main road in Toa Baja was bought last Fall; also a small lot with a hut in the barrio of Maracayo.

GENERAL REMARKS.

The last two years have been very trying years for the Porto Ricans. The attitude of Congress with reference to sugar effects this Island tremendously, as the sugar cane is the principal product of the Island. Great has been and is the suffering. The necessities of life are very high, and are going up, and are beyond the reach of the very poor people. These conditions have also left their effects upon the mission work. Our contributions have fallen off considerably, and the attendance at our services has also, on account of poverty, not been so regular. We hope better times are in store for Porto Rico when conditions become normal and the European war is over; and then we know that our Mission will prosper and telling results will be noted.

SUMMARY.

The totals are: Congregations, 9; missions, 12; baptisms, 130; marriages, 48; funerals, 27; members received (by confirmation, 98, by letters, 13, on profession, 23), 135; loss in membership (by letters, 12, by deaths, 9, dropped, 5), 26; net addition in membership, 109 communicants; visits, more than 32,064; Sunday-schools, 16, enrollment in same, about 1,600; Luther Leagues, 6; Kindergartens, 1; Sunday services during biennium, 864; week-day services, 1,262; Sunday-school sessions, 1,271; services of all kinds, 3,627; attendance at all services, Sunday-schools and Luther Leagues during whole biennium, more than 142,000.

VALUATION OF PROPERTIES.

<i>San Juan</i> , Puerta de Tierra, lot, two brick buildings and one frame building	\$8,000
Miramar, lot	4,000
<i>Catano</i> , two lots, brick church, frame school house and frame missionaries' cottage	6,000
<i>Bayamon</i> , lot, concrete church	5,500
<i>Monacillo</i> , half-acre lot, concrete chapel and old frame building	4,200

<i>Palo Seco</i> , lot, concrete chapel and frame parsonage	2,900
<i>Comerio Street</i> , Bayamon, lot and frame chapel	1,200
<i>Toa Baja</i> , lot	325
<i>Dorado</i> , lot	300
<i>Maracayo</i> , lot and shack	60
	<u>\$32,485</u>

TABLE I.
Communicants

Name of Congregation.	Place.	Date of Organization.	Communicants, July 1, 1913.	Additions.				Losses.			Communicants, July 1, 1915.
				Confirmed.	Letters.	Profession.	Re-instated.	Letters.	Deaths.	Dropped.	
1. English Lutheran.....	San Juan....	Jan. 1, 1900....	148	11	12	23	..	9	3	3	179
2. San Pablo.....	San Juan....	Apr. 15, 1900..	73	15	..	..	1	1	3	..	85
3. Divino Salvador.....	Catano.....	Aug. 23, 1903..	81	10	..	..	..	1	1	..	89
4. Santisima Trinidad.....	Bayamon....	July 12, 1908..	38	8	1	..	..	..	..	..	47
5. San Pedro.....	Toa Baja....	June 29, 1909..	20	5	..	..	..	..	..	1	24
6. Getsemani.....	Dorado.....	June 25, 1911..	16	6	..	..	..	1	1	..	20
7. Betania.....	Monacillo...	June 30, 1911..	16	25	..	..	..	..	1	..	40
8. Betesda.....	Palo Seco....	Dec. 9, 1912...	14	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	18
9. Sion, Comerio St.....	Bayamon....	Apr. 27, 1913..	17	14	..	..	..	..	..	1	30
			423	98	13	23	1	12	9	5	532

TABLE II.
Average Attendance. First Quarter 1915 and Contributions during Biennium

Congregations.	Missions.	Sunday.	Week-day.	Sunday-school.	Luth. League	Contributions During Biennium		
						Total.	To Board.	To Foreign Missions.
1. English Lutheran, San Juan...		81	29	33	..	\$484.59	\$335.92	\$44.77
2. San Pablo, San Juan.....		97	45	97	21	172.23	138.00	2.91
3. Divino Salvador, Catano.....		27	60	121	23	128.39	72.00	2.28
4. Santisima Trinidad, Bayamon.		36	40	71	40	*83.93	6.00	1.86
	1. Juan Sanchez..	..	11	..	..	..	..	..
	2. Guaraguao....	..	25	..	..	..	..	..
5. San Pedro, Toa Baja.....		29	30	41	..	23.03	..	14
	3. Campanilla....	..	21	21	..	..	..	..
6. Getsemani, Dorado.....		35	39	51	20	20.76	..	12
	4. Maracayo	..	26	26	..	..	..	..
	5. Higuillar.....	..	16	16	..	..	..	..
	6. Saldinera	..	14	15	..	..	..	..
7. Betania, Monacillo.....		65	29	31	..	47.79	..	47
	7. Monac'o Arriba	..	..	29	..	82	..	..
	8. Juan Domingo.	..	50	..	..	..	..	..
	9. Juan Bailey....	..	29	..	..	..	..	..
8. Betesda, Palo Seco.....		16	18	30	..	18.82	..	30
	10. La Palma.....	..	16	21	..	6.06	..	..
	11. Plantage.....	..	25	..	..	..	..	..
9. Sion, Comerio St., Bayamon...		31	32	77	25	82.32	..	71
	12. Pajaros.....	..	36	29	..	..	..	..
						\$1,068.74	\$551.92	\$53.56

*Besides this amount, a subscription of \$371.75 was raised for the new Church in Bayamon; of this latter amount \$272 came from Americans.

Yours in the Lord's work,
ALFRED OSTROM, *Senior Missionary.*

San Juan, Porto Rico, July 28, 1915.

The facts presented by the history and work of the mission give pleasing evidence of the presence and favor of God. Indeed, the case is extraordinary. The beginning of the work was made by a lone Lutheran student of theology, a Swede, who was the first Protestant missionary to begin work on the island, which had been under the exclusive control of the Roman Catholic Church for four centuries; and now we have not only the congregations and schools already named, but a goodly number of active workers, who were formerly members of the Romish Church.

And the following statistics of the general Protestant work will certainly be read with interest. They are the data of the year 1914: ministers and preachers, 169; teachers, 47; other helpers, 68; preaching stations, 523; organized congregations, 212; communicant members, 13,250; Bible Schools, 322; day schools, 13; pupils in day schools, 621; churches and chapels, 160; other buildings, 71; members of the societies, 2,087; benevolent contributions, \$24,143.00; value of properties, \$162,500.00.

The field in Porto Rico and throughout Latin America is ripe for the preaching of the pure Gospel. The Roman Catholic Church has, to a wonderful degree, lost its hold on the people. It is a great misfortune that so many of these people have regarded Roman Catholicism and Christianity as synonymous, and that, when they reject the former, they understand that they reject the latter also; but the soul feels after God, and the only remedy is the earnest preaching of repentance toward God and faith in Christ crucified for the sins of the world. And the call comes to us to extend our work in and beyond Porto Rico. With this in view our start in the work of raising a native ministry for the native church is significant and encouraging.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. In view of the whole subject the Board desires to be legally incorporated with the consent and aid of the General Council in harmony with the action of the General Council at its last convention, as recorded in its Minutes, 1913, page 24, item 3. And it is requested that, if so incorporated, all properties now held by the General Council for the mission shall be transferred to the Board. A proposed "Constitution of the Porto Rico Board" is herewith submitted for approval.

2. The Board requests the General Council formally to adopt the Rules and Regulations, governing the work in Porto Rico, as pertaining to Missionary Council and Salaries, to be the authorized Rules and Regulations of the Board of Porto Rico Missions of the General Council. The documents are herewith submitted.

3. That the corporate title be "The Board of Missions of Porto Rico and Latin America."

4. That the apportionment for the coming biennium be \$40,000.

5. That the Sundays in Advent be designated as the time for offerings for the Porto Rico Mission.

6. The General Council is requested to consider the propriety of our Board's sending a delegate to "The Latin-America Missionary Conference" to be held in February, 1916.

The Treasurer's Report is herewith submitted.

For the Board,

EDMUND BELFOUR, *President*.

Treasurer's Report of the Porto Rico Mission Board

July 1, 1915

Receipts

Report of the Treasurer of the Porto Rico Mission Board from July 11, 1913, to July 1, 1915:

Balance at last report	\$ 9,979 28
Received for General Fund	\$24,794 73
" " San Juan Building Fund	2,209 37
" " Chapel Fund	1,495 04
" " Bayamon Church Fund	777 92
" " Parsonage Fund (San Juan)	487 47
" " Dorado Chapel Fund	469 05
" " Special Purposes (Special Fund)	586 81
" " Pastor's Movement	37 00
	\$30,857 39
Total	\$40,836 67

Disbursements

Paid—Expenses of Board:

Salaries	\$ 2,212 50
Miscellaneous	828 23
	\$ 3,040 73

Expenses of Mission:

Salaries	\$11,811 80
Miscellaneous	5,302 37
	17,114 17
Lot at Puerta de Tierra, San Juan (part payment)	4,500 00
Furniture Monacillo Chapel	249 94
Lot at Toa Baja	325 00
Erection of Palo Seco Chapel and Parsonage	2,815 55
Erection of Church at Bayamon	3,525 00
Donations for special objects (Special Fund)	456 87
Balance on hand	8,809 41
	\$40,836 67

STATEMENT OF BALANCES

Balance in General Fund	\$ 5,766 17
“ “ San Juan Building Fund	3,753 46
“ “ San Juan Parsonage Fund	487 47
“ “ Pastor's Movement	518 40
“ “ Dorado Chapel Fund	469 05
“ “ Special Fund	313 51
	<u>\$11,308 06</u>
Chapel Fund Overdrawn	\$ 1,208 95
Bayamon Church Fund Overdrawn	1,289 70
Balance on hand	<u>8,809 41</u>
	<u>\$11,308 06</u>

NOTE.—The General Fund has been drawn upon to cover these overdrafts, leaving the net balance in that fund \$3,267.52. These shortages are partly covered by subscriptions and will be returned. Especially is this true of the Bayamon Church Fund, the entire amount of which is promised by the Kansas Luther League of the Augustana Synod.

ON HAND

Two Ft. Wayne and Wabash Valley Traction Co.'s Bonds of \$1.000 each.

RECEIPTS ITEMIZED ACCORDING TO SYNODS

Synod	Gen. Fund	Bldg.	Chapel	Bayamon	Pastor's Mvt.
Augustana	\$10,267 06	\$852 04	\$131 37	\$777 92	.....
Canada	10 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Central Canada	98 21	.....	.....	.....	.....
Chicago	433 35	12 41	.....	.....	.....
Dist. S. of Ohio	1,324 24	.....	.....	.....	5 00
Min. of New York	861 40	10 00	.....	.....	.....
Min. of Penn'a	6,128 36	251 63	349 47	.....	2 00
N. Y. and New England ..	917 98	209 50	.....	.....	.....
Northwest	873 09	.....	.....	.....	.....
Nova Scotia	79 08	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pacific	5 00	8 00	.....	.....	.....
Pittsburgh	2,214 84	15 00	14 20	.....	.....
Porto Rico Missions	430 89	.....	.....	.....	.....
Other than Synodical Treas.	1,151 23	850 79	1,000 00	.....	30 00
Totals	<u>\$24,794 73</u>	<u>\$2,209 37</u>	<u>\$1,495 04</u>	<u>\$777 92</u>	<u>\$37 00</u>

RECEIPTS ITEMIZED (Continued)

Synod	Special	Parsonage	Dorado Chapel	Total
Augustana	\$45 43	.....	.....	\$12,073 82
Canada .....	.....	.....	.....	10 00
Central Canada .....	.....	.....	.....	98 21
Chicago	7 00	\$75 00	.....	527 76
Dist. S. of Ohio .....	.....	81 30	.....	1,410 54
Min. of N. Y. .....	.....	44 00	.....	915 40
Min. of Pa.	146 37	75 00	.....	6,952 83
N. Y. & N. Eng.	149 35	128 30	.....	1,405 13
Northwest .....	.....	.....	.....	873 09
Nova Scotia .....	.....	.....	.....	79 08
Pacific .....	.....	.....	.....	13 00
Pittsburgh	129 06	36 97	\$469 05	2,879 12
Porto Rico Miss.	54 60	.....	.....	485 49
Other than Synodical Treasurers....	55 00	46 90	.....	3,133 92
Totals	<u>\$586 81</u>	<u>\$487 47</u>	<u>\$469 05</u>	<u>\$30,857 39</u>

PERCENTAGE OF APPORTIONMENT PAID

(Offerings for special purposes, such as the building fund not included in totals)

Synod	Apportioned	Paid on App't.	Per cent. Paid
Augustana	\$10,000 00	\$10,267 06	102.67
Canada .....	.....	10 00	.....
Central Canada	72 00	98 21	136.40
Chicago	2,000 00	433 35	21.66
Dist. S. of Ohio	2,668 00	1,324 24	49.63
Min. of N. Y.	3,336 00	861 40	25.82
Min. of Penn'a	9,672 00	6,128 36	63.36
N. Y. & N. Eng.	2,336 00	917 98	39.29
Northwest	1,668 00	873 09	52.34
Nova Scotia	84 00	79 08	94.14
Pacific	164 00	5 00	3.04
Pittsburgh	4,000 00	2,214 84	55.37
Totals	\$36,000 00	\$23,212 61	64.48

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. W. FUHR, *Treasurer.*

Pittsburgh, Pa., July 16, 1915.

The undersigned have examined the books and accounts of Mr. Chas. W. Fuhr, 'Treasurer of the Porto Rico Mission Board, for the period of two years ending June 30, 1915, and find them to be correct. Proper vouchers were shown for all disbursements.

Receipts during period	\$30,857 39
Disbursements during period	32,027 26
Excess of disbursements	\$ 1,169 87
Balance, 1913	\$9,979 28
Balance, 1915	8,809 41
Decrease balance	\$1,169 87 \$1,169 87

W. STEINMEYER,
J. B. KAERCHER.

Pittsburgh, Aug. 26, 1915.

CHARTER OF THE PORTO RICO MISSION BOARD

1. The name of the Corporation shall be the "Board of Missions for Porto Rico and Latin America of the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America."
2. The object for which the said Corporation is formed shall be to have charge of and carry on the mission work of the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America, in Porto Rico and such other places in Latin America as may be determined by said corporation, and maintain the same in accordance with the Confessions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church as accepted by the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America, and to provide ways and means for the carrying on and the extension of said work, and to perform such other duties as are usually incumbent upon and pertain to a Board of Missions.

3. The business of said Corporation shall be transacted in the City of Pittsburgh, Pa.

4. The said Corporation has no capital stock and is to exist perpetually.

5. The names of the subscribers and their respective residences are as follows :

6. The management and control of said Corporation shall be vested in a Board of 12 members, six ministers and six laymen, who shall be elected by said General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America, for a term of four years, one-half of this number being chosen at each biennial convention of the said General Council, provided that said Board shall have the power to fill any vacancies that may occur in its membership between the conventions or meetings of the said General Council. The names of those who have been elected as the Board of said Corporation are as follows: [See List of Boards.]

7. The Corporation shall have power to hold and possess property, the clear yearly income from which other than from real estate shall not exceed Twenty Thousand (20,000) Dollars.

8. Amendments to this charter can be made only by the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of North America, at a regular meeting upon petition or request of this corporation.

BY-LAWS.

1. The regular meetings of the Board shall be on the second Thursday of January, March, May, July, September, and November. Special meetings may be held by resolution of the Board, at the call of the President, or of four (4) members of the Board.

2. A Quorum shall consist of five (5) members, except during the months of July and August, when four (4) members shall constitute a quorum.

3. The Order of Business shall be as follows:

- a. Prayer.
- b. Roll Call.
- c. Minutes.
- d. Reports of Officers.
- e. Standing Committees.
- f. Special Committees.
- g. Communications from the Missions.
- h. Unfinished Business.
- i. New Business.
- j. Orders on the Treasury.
- k. Adjournment.

4. The Officers of the Board shall be elected biennially, after a convention of the General Council. They shall be a President, Treasurer, English Recording Secretary, and Swedish Corresponding Secretary.

a. The President shall preside at all meetings, sign all orders upon the Treasury, and perform such other duties as pertain to his position.

b. The Secretary shall conduct all the official correspondence of the Board, issue all orders upon the treasury, present at the regular meetings of the Board all the official correspondence of his office, preserve and file all reports and letters from the missionaries and those of the Board, and keep for reference an account of the business, treasury, schools and other work of the missionaries.

c. The Treasurer shall keep an account of all moneys received and expended by the Board, keeping a separate account for all special funds, and shall furnish a statement of the various funds in his keeping at each regular meeting of the Board. He shall give a bond of \$3,000 for the faithful performance of his duties, the expense of the same being borne by the Board. He shall pay out the funds of the Board only upon orders issued by the Secretary, countersigned by the President.

RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE PORTO RICO MISSION

I. NAME.

Board of Missions for Porto Rico and Latin America of the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America.

II. THE AIM OF THE MISSION.

As the supreme end of missionary life and service is the preaching of Christ and Him crucified to non-Christian people, all forms of work in the Mission must be subordinated to that end. The missionaries are charged to bear the Gospel faithfully to the communities in which they are located and to seek the establishment of self-supporting, self-governing Evangelical Lutheran Churches under the care of a native ministry. The missionaries must constantly encourage the native Christians to give their children a religious education, to support their native pastors and teachers, to defray the current expenses of their congregations, and to relieve their needy brethren.

III. THE MISSIONARIES.

a. The Porto Rico Mission Board calls the missionaries, assigns them their fields of labor, and prescribes their duties. The missionaries are required to be of sound body, deep piety, liberal education and of sympathetic and consecrated spirit. They shall pledge themselves to live according to the precepts of the Gospel, and to teach in accordance with the doctrinal basis of the General Council; to be subject to the instruction of the Board in their respective fields of labor; to live and labor in peace and harmony with each other; to refrain from conduct which will awaken undue prejudice or interfere with their usefulness in the communities in which they minister.

b. In selecting missionaries, the Board understands that candidates pledge themselves to continue the work through life, except for weighty reasons. If the missionary should prove untrue to the doctrinal basis of the General Council, defective in moral character, disobedient to instructions from the Board, or for other reasons prove unqualified for

the pursuance of his work, the Board reserves the right to dismiss him from its service.

c. The whole time of the missionary shall be given to the work of the Mission. No additional work of an industrial, mercantile, or literary character shall be undertaken without the express permission of the Board.

IV. RECALL OF MISSIONARY.

Should a missionary be recalled by the Board for reasons considered by the Board as sufficient (See Sec. III, b) it will pay the expenses of the return to that section of this country from which the missionary came, by the most direct route, and will also pay salary, without other allowances, three months from the date of issuance of the recall, provided such return is made promptly.

V. DISMISSAL FROM THE SERVICE OF THE BOARD.

Should a missionary be dismissed from the service of the Board for just reasons (See Sec. III, b) it may pay the expenses of the missionary's return by the most direct route to that section of this country from which the missionary came, provided such return is promptly made; salary and allowance shall cease from date of the dismissal.

VI. RESIGNATION OF MISSIONARY.

a. Should a missionary resign on the field, for reasons satisfactory to the Board, the return expenses will be paid by the Board, and three months' salary dating from the date of the resignation.

b. Should a missionary resign on the field for reasons not satisfactory to the Board, return expenses will be paid by the Board, but salary and allowance shall cease with the resignation.

c. Should a missionary resign while on furlough, the salary shall cease with the date of the resignation.

d. All exceptions to these general rules shall be made by action of the Board.

VII. PROPERTY.

All purchases and sales of property and erection of buildings must have the sanction of the Board. Property given or purchased for the use of the Board shall be at once transferred to the Board by title deeds which shall be duly recorded in accordance with the laws governing such property in the Mission territory. If the laws will allow such tenure, the property shall be held in the corporate name of the Board. If recorded in the name of individuals, the record should explicitly show that the individuals are trustees for the Board. Copies of all conveyances, with diagrams of land and buildings thereon are to be sent to the Board. No repairs to property involving considerable sums of money are to be made without the consent of the Board.

VIII. TAXES AND INSURANCE.

a. All buildings owned by the Board shall be insured, when it can be done at reasonable rates in safe companies. The insurance will be paid by the Board.

b. The Board will pay insurance upon property occupied by its missionaries, rented from others, if this be customary.

c. The Board will pay all taxes upon its own property, and upon property rented for its use, if that be customary.

IX. EXTENSION OF WORK.

Extension of work requiring expenditure for property, or the opening up of new centers for missionary operation should have the authorization of the Board. Written application with the endorsement and recommendation of the Missionary Council shall be forwarded to the Board for its action.

X. REPORTS.

It shall be the duty of each missionary to make a semi-annual report to the Board, covering his special work and station.

XI. SALARIES OF MISSIONARIES.

a. *Unmarried Male Missionary*. He shall receive an annual salary according to the following schedule: First three years, \$800; next 5 years, \$900; next 5 years \$1,000; afterwards to end of service, \$1,200.

b. *Married Missionary*. He shall receive an annual salary according to the following schedule: First three years, \$1,000; next 5 years, \$1,100; next 5 years, \$1250; afterwards to end of service, \$1,400.

c. *American Lady Missionary*. She shall receive an annual salary as follows: First three years, \$600; next 5 years, \$700; next 5 years, \$800; and afterwards to end of service, \$900.

d. *Married Ordained Native Missionary*. He shall receive an annual salary as follows: First three years, \$500; next 5 years, \$600; next 5 years, \$700, and afterwards to end of service, \$800.

e. *Single Ordained Native Missionary*. He shall receive an annual salary as follows: First three years, \$500; next 5 years, \$600; next 5 years, \$700, and afterwards to end of service, \$800.

f. *Unordained and Unmarried Native Missionary*. He shall receive fourth year, \$26; fifth year, \$28; sixth year, \$30; seventh year, \$32; for the first year, per month, \$20; second year, \$22; third year, \$24; eighth year, \$34; ninth year, \$36; tenth year, \$38; eleventh year, \$40.

g. *Unordained Married Native Missionary*. He shall receive the following salary, and rent allowance in all cases: First year, per month, \$22.50; second year, \$25.00; third year, \$27.50; fourth year, \$30.00; fifth year, \$32.50; sixth year, \$35.00; seventh year, \$37.50; eighth year, \$40.00; ninth year, \$42.50; tenth year, \$45.00; eleventh year, \$47.50; and twelfth year, \$50.00.

XII. ALLOWANCE OF MISSIONARIES.

1. A dwelling for the missionary and his family, or the rental for such property.
2. Actual traveling expenses whilst in the field, or visiting the churches under the direction of the Board, on furlough.
3. All official postage.
4. An allowance of \$50 per year shall be made to the American missionaries, for each child from one to six years of age, and \$75 for each child from seven to twelve. The allowance after this age shall be made as the Board may deem just and right.
5. An allowance of \$1.00 per month shall be made to all native missionaries for each child, until the children arrive at the age of 16, when such allowance shall cease.
6. Missionaries shall not receive compensation, for their personal benefit, for services rendered to others. Any compensation or reward received for such services shall be paid into the Mission treasury, unless otherwise ordered by the Board. Moneys given, or sent to any missionary, for the use of the Mission must be entered in the Mission accounts.

XIII. VACATION AND FURLOUGH.

1. Each missionary shall be entitled to a vacation of 4 weeks during the heated term of each year, and shall receive full salary during such vacation.
2. Each missionary shall be entitled to return home on furlough, after the first three years of service. The term of the furlough shall be two months. During such furlough the missionary shall be paid full salary. The expenses of the direct voyage shall be paid by the Board.

THE MISSION COUNCIL

1. The Mission Council shall consist of all the ordained missionaries on the field, all lady missionaries in the employ of the Board, and all lay missionaries from the United States.
2. The Mission Council shall be the supreme governing body on the field. It shall have the general management of the work in all its departments; shall see that the Board's instructions are carried out; that the money furnished by the Board and received from other sources is expended as sanctioned; shall arrange for the visitation and inspection of any department of the work that at any time in its judgment may require it; shall see that the work is carried on with reasonable economy; and that there may be unity of aim and harmony of action, there shall be full and fraternal consideration of, and consultation about, matters entrusted to the Council.

3. The officers shall be a President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer. These officers shall be ordained missionaries. They shall be elected annually at a meeting held in January.

4. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Council; shall receive and keep on record the orders and instructions of the Board, the same to remain in his custody, but to be open to the inspection of all the missionaries; shall sign all orders on the treasurer for the payment of moneys; shall sign all official documents forwarded from the Mission Council to the Board; shall be President ex-officio of the Executive Committee; and shall discharge all other duties which the Board may from time to time lay upon him.

5. The Secretary shall keep a true and faithful record of all the proceedings of the Mission Council; shall carry on all correspondence with the Board; shall furnish the Board with an abstract of the minutes of the Mission Council, the same to be forwarded as soon as possible after the said meeting; shall forward all official documents to the Board, countersigned by the President; shall issue all orders on the treasurer, these being signed by the President; and shall discharge such other duties as the Board may require.

6. The Treasurer shall keep a true and faithful record of all receipts and expenditures of the different funds placed in his custody; shall pay out no money except upon the order of the Secretary, countersigned by the President; shall deposit all funds of the Mission in a safe banking house chosen by the Mission Council or by the Board; shall deposit all funds of the Mission in the name of the Mission Council subject to his orders as treasurer, and in no case shall the funds of the Mission be placed in his individual account; shall render to the Mission Council an annual report of all receipts and disbursements, and shall render reports at such other times as the Mission Council may require; shall send a semi-annual report of his receipts and disbursements to the Board. He shall give a surety bond for the faithful discharge of his duties of \$2,000.

7. At the regular meetings of the Mission Council every missionary, male and female, shall present a written report of the official acts of his or her work during the preceding six months; shall present the reports in duplicate, one for transmission to the Board and the other for preservation in the archives of the Mission Council; shall write a letter to the Board three months after each meeting of the Mission Council concerning the individual and personal work of the missionary; shall make all requests to the Mission Council, for its recommendation and endorsement, and then have them forwarded by the Secretary to the Board; and shall perform such other duties as the Board may deem necessary for the good of the Mission.

8. When any new or special undertaking is proposed by one or more missionaries, it shall be reported to the Mission Council, and together with its decision, be transmitted to the Board for final action.

9. The Board has no mission superintendent and gives to no missionary any authority to interfere with or dictate to other missionaries. The Mission Council is its superintendent (See Sec. 2). Each missionary must limit his or her activity to the portion of the work assigned by the Board. The control and direction of the native workers both male and female are under the control of the Mission Council and not of any individual missionary.

10. All salaries of mission workers shall be fixed by the Board.

Rev. Mr. Weller presented the

REPORT OF COMMITTEE TO EXAMINE PORTO RICO MISSION BOARD CHARTER

The Committee to whom was referred for examination the proposed Charter for the incorporation of the Porto Rico Mission Board of the General Council; also the By-Laws, Rules and Regulations under the same, beg leave to report that having scrutinized the proposed Charter and Rules, the same are submitted to the General Council with favorable recommendation.

Resolved, That under the Charter submitted, the Porto Rico Mission Board be instructed to proceed with its regular incorporation.

Respectfully submitted,

H. A. WELLER, *Chairman*.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Horn, it was

Resolved, That the consideration of the Porto Rico Board's recommendations be made the first order of the afternoon, and that when the Council adjourn it be to meet at half-past one o'clock.

At the afternoon session, the Recommendations being under consideration, on motion of the Rev. Mr. Horn, it was

Resolved, That Items 1-3 be referred to the Committee to Examine Charters of Boards.

Item 4 was referred to Committee on Budget, Item 5 was carried.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Haas, it was

Resolved, That action on Item 6 be postponed until the report of the Committee on Abstracts is heard.

The President appointed the following Committee:

Committee to Audit Education Board's Accounts:—Dr. H. M. M. Richards and Mr. W. S. Mohr.

Adjourned with the use of the Lord's Prayer.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Friday, September 10, 1.30 P. M.

The Third Session was opened with devotional service conducted by the Rev. Robert D. Roeder, of Dubois, Pa.

The Porto Rico Board's Recommendations were considered, and one item carried over until the Committee on Abstracts reports. See Friday morning session.

The President added to the Committee on Charters Mr. R. E. Gaskell and Rev. I. C. Hoffman, in place of Mr. Hassold and Rev. Mr. Bosch.

Mr. C. A. Larson, through the Secretary, presented the

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SWEDISH HOME MISSIONS

The Swedish Home Mission work of the General Council is carried on exclusively by the Augustana Synod, either directly through the Synod's Home Mission Board or through the Boards of the various Conferences. Fourteen pastors and four students are at present in the employ of the Synod's Board, the Revs. F. O. Hanson and P. N. Sjogren as field secretaries for English home mission work and the others on permanent stations. In the Inter-Mountain district, comprising the states of Utah and Idaho, Rev. Olof Hanson is stationed at Salt Lake City, Rev. C. E. Olsson at Boise, Rev. Luther Cornay at Idaho Falls, Idaho, and Rev. Luther Stromquist at Blackfoot. In the Montana district, Rev. D. A. Anderson is stationed at Butte, Rev. C. E. Franzen in Anaconda, Rev. P. A. Fair in Helena and Rev. C. G. Anderson in Great Falls, and students Arthur Larson in Missoula and O. T. Flodberg in Sheridan, Wyo. In the Southeastern district, comprising Alabama, Florida, and Tennessee, Rev. A. A. Swanlund is stationed at Thorsby, Ala., Student Arthur Peterson at Hallandale, Florida, and Rev. J. P. Leaf at Tennessee Ridge. Rev. M. L. Larson is the only missionary of the Synod in Alaska with headquarters in Douglas, and Rev. A. F. Seastrand is in charge of the immigrant and seaman's mission in Boston, Mass.

Home mission work is being done at Salt Lake City, Ogden, Park City, Riverton, Bingham, Eureka, Provo, and Ophir, Utah; at Boise, Payette, Buhl, Twin Falls, Idaho Falls, Shelley, Firth, Blackfoot, Moore and Pocatello, Idaho; at Butte, Anaconda, Missoula, Bonner, Hamilton, Helena, Great Falls, Billings, Barber, Red Lodge, and Lewiston, Mont.; at Sheridan, Cody and Powell, Wyoming; at Thorsby, Silver Hill, St. Elmo, Birmingham, Ensley, and Fruithurst, Alabama; at Atlanta, Georgia;

at Pierson, Upsala, Deland, Hallandale, Miami, and Dania, Florida; at Tennessee Ridge and Memphis, Tennessee, and at Douglas and Juneau, Alaska.

During the biennium 1913-1915, the Home Mission Board of the Synod expended \$47,062.75, and during the same period the Conferences expended for home mission work within their borders the following amounts: The Illinois Conference, \$44,698.88; the Minnesota Conference, \$45,067.19; the Iowa Conference, \$19,690.47; the Kansas Conference, \$15,581.98; the New York Conference, \$12,858.12; the Nebraska Conference, \$6,780.89; the Columbia Conference, \$14,148.63; the California Conference, \$5,280.77; Superior Conference, \$4,371.62; New England Conference, \$7,055.54; Red River Conference, \$6,138.39; Canada Conference, \$1,170.03. The total amount expended by the Synod and Conference for the biennium for home missions alone was \$229,905.26.

C. A. LARSON, *Secretary*.

The report was adopted.

The Rev. Dr. Ramer presented the

REPORT OF THE SLAV MISSION BOARD

To the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America.

FATHERS AND BRETHREN:—The biennium that is about to close has witnessed a large development in the interests entrusted to the Slav Mission Board. The field of operation is assuming larger and more vital importance in the Home Mission problem of the Church. The calls for services among foreign-speaking people are becoming more numerous and urgent. Places that have been mere preaching-points are developing into organized congregations. New colonies of our people are located in different parts of the country and appeal to us for religious services. As time advances congregations are anxious to secure their own houses of worship. It is a fact worth noting that during the biennium nine ministers were added to the clerical roll, six of whom were students recently ordained to the office of the Christian ministry.

The Board held eight quarterly meetings during the biennium, four of which were attended by all the members of the Board, and four by members of the Executive Committee only. The Rev. J. O. Schlenker resigned the office of Field Secretary. His resignation went into effect November, 1914. During the three years that Rev. Mr. Schlenker held this office he rendered most efficient service to the Board, collecting funds to the amount of over \$15,000. The Board does not intend to fill the office at this time, but is endeavoring to secure a minister in each of the several Synods of the General Council who will present the needs of this work to the pastors and congregations of his particular Synod.

With a feeling of deep sorrow we record the death of Rev. Hugo R. Erdmann, who suddenly departed this life in July, 1914, while traveling

abroad in England. Rev. Mr. Erdmann was an active and efficient member of the Slav Mission Board from the time of its organization. The vacancy has been filled by the appointment of the Rev. J. O. Schlenker.

It is of the utmost importance, that the Church continue to make larger provisions for the ingathering of our Lutheran immigrants. Owing to the exclusiveness of many of our immigrant people, it becomes literally necessary to go out after them. The Superintendent gives his entire time to the work of looking up and serving the stray and scattered flock of Christ's fold. Every year he covers practically all of the Northern States from ocean to ocean, conducting religious services, especially for Slovak people. Although these services are few and far apart, nevertheless the people are thankful that they are not altogether forgotten, and the hope of a brighter future encourages them in their loyalty to the Faith of their fathers.

THE FIELD

One of the outstanding difficulties in our efforts to serve the immigrant people is the vastness of the territory over which they are scattered. Very often only comparatively few souls who are of our Church are found in a certain foreign colony. The adherents of the Catholic persuasion are far in the majority. The diversity of the nationalities for whom we are called upon to provide presents also a very complex problem. We have by no means as yet covered the entire field, either territorially or according to nationality.

(a). *Slovak*

During the past biennium a number of new Slovak fields presented their claims upon us. In Westmoreland county, Pa., with Irwin as a center, a flourishing congregation has been established. As early as 1904 Slovak services were conducted in Irwin. In 1905 a church building was purchased, and during the years following an occasional service was held, without, however, the services of a regular pastor. In November, 1914, the Superintendent was asked to visit the field. Efforts were made to secure a resident pastor. In March, 1915, the congregation called Rev. Ludwig Havel to the parish, which consists, in addition to the congregation at Irwin, of preaching-points at Greensburg, Claridge, Hannastown, Latrobe and West Newton. The Pittsburgh Synod has very generously assumed part of the pastor's support.

The Slovak congregation in Trenton, N. J., purchased a church lot in 1910. Owing to a lack of sufficient funds several attempts to erect a building failed. During the summer of 1914 a renewed effort was made, which happily succeeded. A handsome two-story brick edifice was erected, and on the first Sunday in February, 1915, it was consecrated. The Rev. John Mattes, of Trenton, gave great assistance to the Slovak people during their building operations. The church property represents an investment of \$5,200, on which there is still a debt of \$2,500. The congregation is now regularly served by the Rev. Louis Sanjek, of Philadelphia.

The Emmanuel Slovak Lutheran Church, of Mahanoy City, Pa., Rev. A. D. Dianiska, pastor, erected a church tower and procured three bells. Stained glass windows were put into the auditorium, together with other improvements costing \$4,000.

In Nanticoke, Pa., the Slovak congregation of John the Baptist, in anticipation of again having a pastor in their parish, which had been vacant for three years, built a commodious parsonage costing \$3,000. When the building was occupied by the pastor, July, 1915, the entire cost had been defrayed. Rev. Andrew Hibian supplied this parish for three years as a student and upon concluding his studies in the Philadelphia Seminary in 1915, took charge of the congregation.

The Trinity Slovak Lutheran congregation of Newark, N. J., was organized in 1893. Ten years later they purchased a church; still the congregation needed better facilities for a parochial school and a parsonage. In the early part of 1914 the adjacent property was purchased, and building operations began on a building suitably designed for school and parsonage purposes. In November, 1914, the pastor, Rev. L. Novomesky, occupied the new parsonage. This congregation now has a property valued at \$14,000, with an indebtedness of \$5,000.

Trinity Slovak Lutheran Church, of Little Falls, N. Y., has a very interesting history, which, although unique from our viewpoint, is characteristic of many Slovak congregations in this country. The first Slovak to arrive in this town was a man directed to Little Falls, New Jersey, but by mistake of a railroad official was sent to Little Falls, New York. When the immigrant arrived at his misdirected destination, he had no difficulty to find remunerative employment. He wrote his friends in the homeland to come along, and they did. There are at present at least one thousand Slovaks in Little Falls. Their religious devotion caused the people to seek to have a visiting clergyman conduct a Slovak service for them. While the people were still shepherdless, they put their savings together and erected a church building costing \$25,000, on which there remains a debt of \$11,000. This building was consecrated in 1913. In June, 1914, Rev. Paul A. Putra, then pastor in the Philadelphia Slovak parish, accepted a call from this congregation. The question of Rev. Putra's removal from the Philadelphia field was at first regarded with disfavor, especially so since Rev. Putra had been for many years supported during his college and seminary course by our Board. Nevertheless, for the larger interests of the Church, it seemed proper that he should accept the call to this place, which never had a pastor. The wisdom of the course seems to be attested by the flourishing congregation of four hundred members which he has collected into the Church. This is a case where we prepared a man whose services are now effectual in a congregation not directly united with us.

The Slovak congregation at Northampton, Pa., recently procured a strong chapel organ costing \$400.

In East Detroit the first steps toward securing a future church home have been taken by purchasing a church lot costing \$600. This section of

the city has lately become almost entirely a foreign section. Our student, Martin Slabey, has spent several summer vacations among these people. The mission interest here would be very materially enhanced if a small loan could be given to the Slovaks in Detroit to erect a church building. The entire history of mission work in Detroit has spelled failure, because we had no church of our own where to hold the services.

New Slovak preaching-points have been established during the past biennium in the following places: Cudahy and Kenosha, Wis.; Indiana Harbor and Gary, Ind. These places have been supplied during the past year by Student Matthew Benko, of the Chicago Seminary. During the summer vacation Student John M. Bellan has been in Cudahy and Kenosha, Wis.; Muskegon Heights, Mich.; Glasgow, Mont.; Irwin, Pa.; Dayton, Ohio; Birmingham, Ala.; Proctor, Vt.; Lima, O. In Washington, Pa., a Polish service has been started.

New territory has been canvassed by the Superintendent in the interests of Lutheran immigrants in various centers in the United States, especially in Lead and Deadwood, S. Dak.; Kellogg and Summit, Idaho; Carbonado, Wash.; Sacramento and San Mateo, Cal.; Phoenix, Ariz.; New Orleans, La.; Pensacola, Fla.; Savannah, Ga.; Columbia, S. C. In Canada we canvassed Medicine Hat, Alberta, Moose Jaw, Regina, Saskatchewan. In some of the territory canvassed we found a few members of our Church, but as yet no services have been held.

(b). *Magyar*

The Magyar interests have suffered long delay in our mission operations due to the want of ministers who could use this language. In 1914 James Becker resigned the Magyar congregation in Detroit. Very fortunately Rev. Gustaf Walyi, who had just arrived from Hungary for another field, took charge of this congregation on Easter, 1914. Since then the congregation secured two bells and made many additions in fully completing their newly erected church building. Rev. and Mrs. Walyi conduct a parochial school on Saturdays and during the summer vacation. Reference to the group of children in the accompanying picture is guarantee for the future of this congregation. Occasionally Rev. Walyi conducts a Magyar service in Elgin, Ill., where our mission had to be disbanded because no missionary could be secured.

On Easter, 1914, the first Magyar service was conducted in St. John's Church, Allentown, Pa., by Student Paul Faska. In July of that year Rev. Geza von Albrecht arrived from Hungary, and took full charge of this congregation. In Palmerton, Pa., a Magyar congregation was likewise organized and served in connection with Allentown. The congregation in Allentown has purchased a property, which is to be the future site of a church.

Rev. Joseph Korntheuer was ordained in 1914, and immediately began to organize the Magyar Lutheran Church in Buffalo, N. Y. This congregation has at present a membership of 114 contributing members. An option on a church lot has been secured, and the people have nearly one

thousand dollars in sight for its purchase. The cost of the lot is to be \$2,200. A church building is greatly needed for the proper development of this mission. Here again is a case where Church Extension funds would be of great help to a struggling congregation.

The Magyar congregation in New Brunswick, N. J., was without a regular pastor for a whole year. During this period Student Alexander Szabo, from the Philadelphia Seminary, conducted services. After his ordination in June, 1915, he was called as pastor, and a new interest for the church was again aroused among the people.

Services are occasionally conducted by Rev. Geza von Albrecht for the Magyars at Sheppton, Audenreid, Mt. Carmel, Pa. It is to be seriously regretted that our Church has lost very many Magyar Lutheran people in different parts of the country, simply because we have not followed up our own people. The Magyar Reformed Church has established her missions in upward of sixty different places throughout the country and quite naturally our own people have gradually been identified with that Church. We have lately succeeded in making a start, but we must have men and funds to carry forward this urgent mission work.

The honor of erecting the first orphanage and inner mission house among our Protestant immigrants belongs to the Magyar congregation of Cleveland, Ohio, Rev. Stephen Ruzsa, pastor. The erection of the building alone, without any furnishings, cost \$10,000. This "Home of Love" has a threefold object in view: An orphanage for Magyar children, a day nursery, and a shelter for aged and homeless women. At present thirty-five orphan children find here a happy home. The day nursery takes care of from forty to fifty children every day whose mothers go out working. Six aged women find shelter and a comfortable home within its walls. The lot of foreign-speaking inmates in public charitable institutions is often very distressing and pitiful, because of their inability to express their needs. To provide sufficient support for the maintenance of this home is no easy task for the devoted pastor, Rev. Ruzsa, and his good wife. Contributions for this home are cordially solicited from our congregations.

In the early part of 1914 the Rev. Dr. A. Raffay, of Budapest, was sent as an envoy by the State Lutheran Church in Hungary to America to visit the Hungarians in different parts of the country and observe their religious condition. In the course of his itinerary, Dr. Raffay also visited the Superintendent of the Slav Mission Board, and a careful discussion of all the religious interests was held. The two representatives subsequently visited the Theological Faculty of the Philadelphia Seminary, where the great problem of providing ministers for the immigrants was fully considered. In view, however, of the changed conditions, since, in Europe in consequence of the sad catastrophe of the war, and in view of the peculiar situation here in America relative to the question of administration of mission affairs, the entire problem has materially changed since that visit. After a careful examination of all the issues involved, the Slav Mission Board decided that for the present it were better for ulterior de-

velopment of all mission interests, to continue the mission operation as it has been carried on hitherto. The mutual relations between the two bodies are most cordial and a spirit of co-operation actuates both parties. For cogent reasons it has been deemed advisable to memorialize the General Council to add to the corporate title of this Board the words "and Hungarian," reading thus: "The Slav and Hungarian Mission Board of the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America."

(c). *Windish*

Rev. Ernest A. Stiegler, Ph.D., accepted a call June, 1914, to St. John's Windish Ev. Lutheran Church, in South Bethlehem, Pa. The mission work among these immigrants, sometimes known as Slovenians, was organized in February, 1910, by the Rev. W. A. Lambert. In a short time a church site was purchased and in February, 1911, the first story of their church building was consecrated. Early in 1915 the congregation resumed the task of completing their edifice by erecting the second story. The cost of the construction alone is \$25,000. The property investment of this congregation, when completed, will be \$40,000. The congregation has over a thousand contributing members. On February 14, 1915, a very large concourse of people participated in the celebration of the fifth anniversary of the organization of the congregation. The result achieved by this congregation is sufficient evidence of the blessed fruits of mission aid granted to immigrants in establishing their own church organization in America.

Rev. Louis Sanjek is the regular pastor of the Slovenian congregation in Steelton, Pa. He conducts services here once a month. Mission operations have also been begun among the Slovenians in Elizabeth and Perth Amboy, N. J. Mission interest among the Slovenians throughout the country is still imperfectly developed.

(d). *Siebenbuerger-Saxon*

The Siebenbuerger-Saxons coming from Transylvania, Hungary, have located principally in western Pennsylvania and in Ohio. The Evangelical Luther Honter congregation in Youngstown, O., was organized July, 1910, by the present pastor, Rev. George Schuster. In 1913 the congregation purchased their present church building from the Jewish congregation at a cost of \$12,000. There is still an indebtedness on the property of \$6,000. Promising mission points, which are also served by Rev. Schuster, are at Niles, Salem, Loraine, Alliance, Cleveland, Ohio. Occasional services have been conducted at Erie, New Castle and Monaca, Pa.; Martin's Ferry, O.; Columbus, O., and Gary, Ind. In Farrell, Pa., the Siebenbuerger congregation united with the local German congregation. At Ellwood City, Pa., the Siebenbuerger congregation is served by the local pastor. The opinion that commonly prevails, that because the Siebenbuerger-Saxons are a German people, they readily assimilate here in America with the other Germans, is a serious misapprehension of the actual facts in the case. Whenever the

peculiar historical element is ignored among these people it will cause a serious obstacle in the religious development of the Siebenbueger-Saxons in America. In its last convention, the Central Benevolent Association of the Siebenbueger-Saxons resolved to establish an orphanage and asylum for the aged on a farm near Salem, Ohio.

(e). *Lettish*

At the present time there are three Lettish pastors in the employ of the Board. The Rev. John Steik serves the congregation in Boston, Mass. Although this congregation is financially weak, it has heroically met all its heavy interest obligations in consequence of purchasing a church property.

Rev. Peter E. Steik is working among the Letts in Philadelphia and New York. There are peculiar difficulties that beset the mission development in this parish. The fact that the people live in widely-scattered parts of the city is a hindrance to a large attendance at all the services. These people have lived for a long time without church affiliations, and many have become estranged to the claims of religion.

In the fall of 1913 the Board called Rev. W. O. Zahlis to several Lettish colonies in Manitoba. The field lies north of Winnipeg and is widely scattered, with preaching points at Lac du Bonnet, Libau and Sifton. Owing to the undeveloped character of the country and the poor facilities in travel to reach the farming people, it was indeed very difficult to cover the territory. To this may be added the gross indifference toward religion of many of the colonists, making the field a difficult one. Accordingly Rev. Zahlis resigned as regular missionary exclusively for this field in order to take charge of a German parish at Beausejour. He will continue to serve the Lettish interests also, although less frequently.

Students

During the past biennium the Board supported sixteen students either the whole or part of the time. The importance of student education can not be overestimated. Congregations are gradually prepared through the missionary itinerary labors of the Superintendent so that local pastors can be assigned. There are now many vacant fields that should have the services of a pastor. Our students have rendered very valuable missionary service, either in conducting services during the year, or supplying missions in vacation periods. The urgent demand to secure available young men, whenever they may be found, makes it necessary to have a fund to draw on in the event that the apportionment does not yield sufficient revenue. To meet this emergency, the Board has started an educational fund that is to be a permanent investment. The effort is now being made to secure ten thousand dollars for such a permanent fund. The sum of two thousand, seven hundred dollars has so far been secured through personal subscriptions.

CHURCH EXTENSION FUND

The present status of the Church Extension Society is such that, according to charter limitations, the funds collected by that society can be disbursed only to congregations that employ the English language. A new contingency, however, has arisen in the development of the life of the Church since the organization of the Church Extension Society. There are now other than English-speaking congregations that need the beneficence of the Church in securing suitable houses of worship. At the last meeting of the General Council, the Slav Mission Board prayed that some provision should be made to provide some means whereby funds might become available which could be appropriated toward the erection of churches for our foreign-speaking congregations. The Slav Mission Board now most respectfully renews this petition to the General Council.

CHARTER

The Slav Mission Board renews its petition to be granted the privilege of securing a charter. The form of charter is found on pages 215 to 217 in the Minutes of 1913.

ELECTION OF MEMBERS

The terms of the following six members expire this year: Rev. J. O. Schlenker, Rev. A. D. Dianiska, Rev. A. E. Ericsson, Rev. Wm. Brenner, Rev. G. H. Tappert, Mr. R. W. Stine. Their successors are to be elected to serve for a period of four years.

THE WHITENED FIELDS

This report recounts the progress of several of our missions in order to present to the Church some results that have been attained. There are many other missions whose showing is not so favorable from a material viewpoint which are just as important in the spiritual uplift they work among the immigrants. We rejoice over the little progress made, but we have much greater occasion to mourn over the whitened fields that are either wholly neglected or are very imperfectly garnered. In view of the urgency of the calls for ministers, the Board has assumed great responsibility in meeting the demands of the field. To decline to do so would have been a betrayal of the greater trust assigned to us. The Church, however, has failed to supply us with sufficient funds to meet the obligations assumed. Just about two-thirds of the total apportionment to the Synods has been realized by the Board. Consequently the Board was compelled to make loans and use funds contributed for special purposes. The total shortage in the treasury amounts to \$6,700. The Board humbly prays that the great need of our missions may awaken a responsive chord in the liberality of the Church.

Upon a very careful estimate of its obligation for the next biennium, the Board realizes that it will need the same amount as the present apportionment and asks for an apportionment of \$16,700 for each year of the biennium.

The Board would respectfully suggest that the following sums be apportioned to the several Synods for each year of the ensuing biennium for the support of Slav Missions:

Ministerium of Pennsylvania	\$8,200 00
Pittsburgh Synod	2,550 00
Ministerium of New York	1,700 00
New York and New England Synod	1,700 00
Augustana Synod	500 00
Canada Synod	250 00
Chicago Synod	400 00
District Synod of Ohio	800 00
Synod of the Northwest	350 00
Synod of Central Canada	100 00
Pacific Synod	60 00
Nova Scotia Synod	50 00
Manitoba Synod	40 00

SLOVAK MISSIONS

PLACE.	PASTOR.	Paying Members.	Attendance.	Communed within year.	Value of Property.	Debt.
Northampton, Pa.	Rev. Julius Csernecky	175	200	158	\$10500	\$4200
Philadelphia, Pa., Parish	Rev. Louis Sanjek					
Philadelphia	"		52	43	7500	5000
Camden, N. J.	"		34	17		
Trenton, N. J.	"		44	25	5200	2500
Irwin, Pa., Parish	Rev. Ludwig Havel					
Irwin	"		120	18	2200	
Hannastown	"		80	45		
Greensburg	"		36	9		
Latrobe	"		46	38		
Claridge	"		40	12		
West Newton	"		26	26		

SIEBENBUERGER-SAXON MISSIONS

Youngstown, O.	Rev. George Schuster	143	412	146	12000	6000
Salem, O.	"		178	42		
Niles, O.	"		32	14		
Alliance, O.	"		87			
Lorain, O.	"		59			
Cleveland, O.	"		113			
Martin's Ferry, O.	"		47			
Erie, Pa.	"		25			
Monaca, Pa.	"		54			
New Castle, Pa.	"		112			

LETTISH MISSIONS

Boston, Mass.	Rev. John Steik	32	50	6	7500	5000
Sunderland	"		17	6		
Philadelphia, Pa.	Rev. Peter E. Steik	47	70	18		
New York, N. Y.	"	19	24	6		
Milo, Maine	"		20	4		
Camden, N. J.	"		15			
Lester, Pa.	"		7			
Lac du Bonnet, Man.	Rev. W. O. Zahlis		20	3		
Libau, Man.	"		35	12		
Sifton, Man.	"		35	17		
Bird River, Man.	"		20	3		
Winnipeg, Man.	"		8	3		

MAGYAR MISSIONS

PLACE.	PASTOR.	Paying Members.	Attendance.	Communed within year.	Value of Property.	Debt.
Cleveland, O.....	Rev. Stephen Ruzsa.....	175	300	256	24000	6500
Detroit, Mich.....	Rev. Gustav Walyi.....	194	240	85	8000	4000
Elgin, Ill.....	".....	....	120	47	.....	.....
New Brunswick, N. J.....	Rev. Alex. Szabo.....	89	119	17	5500	4200
Allentown, Pa.....	Student Paul Faska, (Supply).....	....	84	42	3100	2300
Palmerton, Pa.....	Rev. Geza von Albrecht.....	....	86	80	.....	.....
Sheppton, Pa.....	".....	....	30	30	.....	.....
Audenried, Pa.....	".....	....	10	10	.....	.....
Mt. Carmel, Pa.....	".....	....	10	10	.....	.....
Buffalo, N. Y.....	Rev. Joseph Korntheuer.....	117	250	196	.....	.....

SLOVENIAN MISSIONS

Steelton, Pa.....	Rev. Louis Sanjek.....	35	37	32	.....	.....
Elizabeth, N. J.....	".....	6	6	3	.....	.....
Perth Amboy, N. J.....	".....	....	15	7	.....	.....

SLOVENIAN SELF-SUSTAINING CONGREGATION

South Bethlehem, Pa.....	Rev. Ernst A. Stiegler, Ph.D..	1050	2000	900	42000	18000
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SLOVAK SELF-SUSTAINING CONGREGATIONS

Mahanoy City, Pa.....	Rev. A. D. Dianiska.....		280	280	20000	
Mt. Carmel, Pa.....	Rev. A. D. Dianiska.....	....	350	260	2000	.....
Freeland, Pa.....	Rev. Geza von Albrecht.....	....	150	109	9000	.....
Nanticoke, Pa.....	Rev. Andrej Hibian.....	....	200	157	7000	.....
Charleroi, Pa.....	Rev. John Body.....	....	700	500	15000	2200
Newark, N. J.....	Rev. L. Novomesky.....	....	140	460	14000	5000
Little Falls, N. Y.....	Rev. Paul A. Putra.....	....	400	....	25000	11000
Chicago, Ill.....	Rev. Samuel Lichner.....	....	500	400	32000	12000
Chicago, Ill.....	Rev. Samuel Schultz.....	....	900	600	43000	11000
Cleveland, O.....	Rev. Samuel Placko.....	....	....	....	.....	.....
Braddock, Pa.....	Rev. C. V. Molnar.....	....	....	....	.....	.....

SLOVAK CONGREGATIONS SERVED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT, REV. A. L. RAMER

	Present at Service	Com- muned		Present at Service	Com- muned
Houtzdale, Pa.	128	78	Prince George, Va.....	7	7
Saltsburg, Pa.	35	29	Wheeling, W. Va.....	8	8
Grassflat, Pa.	76	51	Indiana Harbor, Ind...	68	44
Iselin, Pa.	12	10	Detroit, Mich.	21	5
Spangler, Pa.	53	38	Muskegon Heights,		
Erie, Pa.	15	14	Mich.	63	63
New Bethlehem, Pa...	23	14	Bessemer, Mich.	38	31
Landingville, Pa.	12	12	Cudahy, Wis.	77	53
Pottstown, Pa.	27	20	Medford, Wis.	20	16
Sheppton, Pa.	24	11	Phillips, Wis.	29	20
Audenreid, Pa. (Mag-			Superior, Wis.....	13	13
yar)	22	12	Glasgow, Mont.	12	12
Washington, Pa. (Po-			Belt, Mont.	24	16
lish)	16	13	Stockett, Mont.	52	38
Proctor, Vt.	100	84	Sand Coulee	34	28

	Present at Service	Com- muned		Present at Service	Com- muned
Hudson, N. Y.	14	5	Everett, Wash.	9	9
Albany, N. Y.	7	7	Cle Elum, Wash.	30	17
Lackawanna, N. Y.	12	10	Tacoma, Wash.	33	33
Binghamton, N. Y.	17	17	Portland, Ore.	10	6
Piney Fork, O.	24	19	San Francisco, Cal.	17	14
Barton, O.	33	28	Birmingham, Ala.	6	5
Canal Dover, O.	42	15	Louisville, Colo.	6	2
Toledo, O.	54	36	Calhan, Colo.	52	39
Middletown, O.	26	24	Pueblo, Colo.	3	3
Dayton, O.	11	11	Fernie, B. C.	6	6
Port Clinton, O.	84	..	Canmore, Alt.	30	22
Lima, O.	13	12		1,548	1,080

The Superintendent conducted services in these following established congregations:

Peckville, Pa.	120	83	Buffalo, N. Y., Installa-		
Nanticoke, Pa.	150	117	tion	..	..
Freeland, Pa.	115	109	Northampton, Pa.,		
Steelton, Pa.	34	30	Dedication	..	..
Irwin, Pa. (2d time. In-			Allentown, Pa.	..	..
stallation)	82	14	New Brunswick, N. J.,		
Philadelphia, Pa.	28	..	Installation	96	..
Philadelphia, Pa., In-			Elgin, Ill.	..	..
stallation	..	..	Lac du Bonnet, Man..	..	..
Trenton, N. J., Dedic-					
ation	..	..			

Respectfully submitted,

THE SLAV MISSION BOARD,

A. L. RAMER, *Supt.*

W. M. REHRIG, *President.*

The Treasurer's Report of the Slav Mission Board

From July 27, 1913, to June 23, 1915.

Debits

Balance on hand, July 27, 1913	\$ 97 57
Received from Ministerium of Pennsylvania	11,669 66
“ “ Pittsburgh Synod	2,448 23
“ “ New York Ministerium	1,294 96
“ “ District Synod of Ohio	1,091 35
“ “ New York and New England Synod	992 63
“ “ English Synod of the Northwest	353 68
“ “ Chicago Synod	213 70
“ “ Canada Synod	143 23
“ “ Central Canada Synod	136 25
“ “ Augustana Synod	110 45

Received from Nova Scotia Synod	72 00
“ “ Manitoba Synod	65 00
“ “ Ministerium of Penn'a account appropriation..	2,000 00
“ “ Supt. and Missionaries account collections	1,820 00
“ “ Northampton Congregation	550 00
“ “ Committee of More Men for the Ministry ac- count N. Y. & N. England Synod	200 00
Personal Contributions account Educational Fund	2,736 00
Personal Contributions for Slovak work	717 88
Sundry items received	96 87
Loans	4,000 00

Total amount received \$30,809 46

Credits

Salaries and expenses paid to Superintendent, Field Secretary, and Missionaries	\$19,650 04
Paid for Education of Students	7,203 20
Paid to Lettish Cong., Boston, Mass., account church property	48 00
Paid to Slovak Cong., Phila., Pa., account church property....	5 00
Traveling expenses of Board members	407 77
Printing	548 16
Interest paid on loans	282 08
Loans paid	1,750 00
Sundry items	154 10

Total amount paid \$30,048 35

Balance on hand, June 23, 1915 761 11

\$30,809 46

We, the undersigned, hereby certify that we have examined the accounts of the Treasurer of the Slav Mission Board for the period as stated above, and find the same to be correct.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES A. WORSLEY,

GEO. YOUNG,

Auditing Committee.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. For cogent reasons, it has been deemed advisable to memorialize the General Council that to the corporate title of this Board be added the words “and Hungarian,” reading thus: “The Slav and Hungarian Mission Board of the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America.”

2. At the last meeting of the General Council, the Slav Mission Board prayed that some provision should be made to provide some means whereby funds might be available which could be appropriated toward the erection of churches of our foreign-speaking congregations. The Slav Mission Board now most respectfully renews this petition to the General Council.

3. The Slav Mission Board renews its petition to be granted the privilege to secure a Charter. The form of Charter is found on pages 215 to 217 in the Minutes of 1913.

4. The term of six members of the Board expires. Their successors are to be elected to serve for a period of four years.

5. The Slav Mission Board asks for an apportionment of \$20,000 for each year of the biennium.

W. M. REHRIG, *President*

Permission was given to add the words "and Hungarian" to the corporate title. Recommendation 5 was referred to the Budget Committee.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Jacobson, it was unanimously

Resolved, That we request the Church Extension Society to make a special appeal to the congregations at large of the General Council in behalf of the Slav Board, and to turn the money over.

On motion of Rev. Mr. Horn, it was

Resolved, That the matter of the incorporation of the Board be referred to the Executive Committee of the General Council with power to act.

The presence of the Rev. Dr. Richter, President of the German Synod of Iowa, was announced. He was given the privilege of the floor.

The report of the Committee on the Admission of the Texas Synod was made the special order for Monday at 10 A. M., and the representative of the German Iowa Synod was invited to meet with the Committee.

Two Committees, that on the Examination of Charters and that on the Rules for Future Incorporations, were consolidated.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. John Haas, it was

Resolved, That this new Committee be charged to consider carefully the question of the proper method of co-ordinating the work of the Boards.

The Rev. Dr. Andreen presented the

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON BIBLE READING IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

In reply to the request made at Toledo (Minutes 1913, p. 298) "That the General Council put itself on record as to its position with reference to the reading of the Bible in the Public Schools," the following action is recommended:

I. *Resolved*, That the General Council heartily favors the reading of the Bible in all schools, public and private, and deplores any efforts to have the practice discontinued.

II. That the General Council recognizes, however, that the mere formal reading of passages of Scripture at school exercises is by no means to be regarded as a substitute for other religious instruction.

III. That the General Council would have all its synods and congregations fully alive to the importance of religious education, and urges the adoption of all possible measures for the more efficient instruction of their young people in the great truths of the religion of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

IV. That the opinion of the General Council expressed at Lancaster, Pa., in 1911, remains unchanged and that it still regards "The half-day per week" as none too much time for the Church to claim of the State; but inasmuch as that claim has not been allowed as yet, the Council earnestly recommends that still greater attention be given to the work of Christian education in the home and by the agencies which the Church now has at its command.

GUSTAV ANDREEN, *Chairman*.

CHARLES M. JACOBS,
JOSEPH STUMP,

A. G. ANDERSON,
JAMES GEAR.

The report was unanimously adopted.

The Rev. C. R. Tappert presented the

REPORT OF THE GERMAN HOME MISSION BOARD

To the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America.

In his report to the General Council two years ago the president of the Board, after having pointed out some particular difficulties under which the Board had been laboring, continues: "Yet we look forward to success with undiminished confidence and if there is a pessimist among us, we trust he is a hopeful pessimist."

This spirit of hopefulness under discouraging conditions has been put to many a severe test during the past biennium. Especially during the last year has the Board seen itself confronted with obstacles which its limited resources of men and means have not yet been able to overcome, and

which are sufficiently serious to fill our hearts with grave fear for the successful continuation of our work. Since, with the exception of a few districts on the Pacific coast, the work of our Board is carried on in the west of Canada, which since August of last year is overshadowed by the clouds of war, it is needless to say that the effects of the war and the baneful spirit created by it among the different nationalities represented in the population of Canada, have crippled our missionary efforts very distressingly. And, since the objects of the activity of our Board to a very large percentage have not yet become naturalized citizens of Canada, they are in the strict sense of the law "alien enemies" and are treated accordingly. Socially ostracized and barred from almost every opportunity of earning the means of subsistence, they can hardly be expected to help the Board bear its heavy financial burden by coming forward with their usual modest contributions to the support of their pastors and the mission work in general. Obviously this problem is most trying in the cities. Some of our largest city congregations, which have been self-supporting for years, were forced through the above-mentioned conditions to re-approach the Board for considerable financial aid, lest the faithful labors and financial sacrifices of many years be frustrated. To meet their urgent needs the Board had to borrow considerable amounts of money, as its treasury even under normal conditions is hardly equal to the regular requirements of the missions. In view of the fact that these distressing conditions will surely prevail not only while the war lasts, but most likely a long while after the restoration of peace, a more generous appropriation for our work will be absolutely necessary to avoid a most lamentable calamity. By the way, it may be mentioned that the two other Lutheran bodies that do missionary work on our territory, Missouri and Ohio, have apportioned incomparably larger sums to this work than the General Council, and are thereby placed in a position of doing much more aggressive and apparently more successful work than we are. While they constantly gain ground, we are forced to struggle with the financial question, trying to economize and curtail expenses, merely to hold our own. I cannot, therefore, refrain from again emphasizing the necessity of the whole General Council's recognizing and appreciating the fact that the German work done by your Board—of transitory character only as far as the language is concerned—will bear abundant and lasting fruit for the Lutheran Church at large, as represented in the General Council, if only the latter in all its branches will rise to its obligations and make an heroic effort to transform the vast opportunities offering themselves on the German Home Mission field into realities.

Another most vexatious effect of the war, which has taxed the wisdom and resourcefulness of the Board to a great extent, is the lack of men. The doors of the Kropp Seminary are closed to us by the war. Thereby the only source of supplementing the rank and file of our missionaries has become inaccessible for us. We have received only three new men from Kropp during the past biennium; none, of course, during the last year. Six or seven vacant fields cry for supply, and there is not a single man

in view. The American institutions of the General Council do not seem to be able to deliver goods that are available and serviceable for German Home Mission work. In his last quarterly report our Missionary Superintendent, Rev. Becker, says: "Our most urgent need is men, men, men; such men as have the spirit of self-denial, and, constrained by the love of Christ, are not afraid of the hardships of primitive life; men who have the will and courage to do hard but body and soul satisfying pioneer work and thereby earn the esteem of the Church and the pleasure of God." Is it too much to expect our seminaries to produce such men? Every servant of Christ, of course, should be adorned with the above-mentioned qualities; and, endowed with the knowledge of the German language as a "donum superadditum," he would be fitted for service on our mission field. Here again your Board is laboring under a striking disadvantage as compared with our competitors in the mission campaign. Their colleges and seminaries provide the men as they are needed, and they are even able and not unlikely willing to provide them for our shepherdless flocks also. This is reasonable logic: *If the General Council intends to continue German Home Mission work, it must find ways and means of furnishing German Home Missionaries.* Mere waiting for the end of the war and the re-opening of the doors of Kropp Seminary may prove to be disastrous tactics. Losses are inevitable, if our inability to fill our vacancies lasts much longer, and becomes manifest to our people on the field.

A most regrettable effect, directly traceable to this lack of men, was an altogether extraordinary instability on the mission field. Fifteen pastoral changes have taken place during the past biennium. A comparison of the present ministerial roll with that of two years ago reveals the astonishing fact that only six of our missionaries have not changed their addresses during this period. This condition, however, does not reflect unfavorably upon the faithfulness of our men, who with scarcely any exception have given proof of a most praiseworthy loyalty to our cause and a very commendable willingness to act upon the directions of the Board, to stay or to go. Since new men were not available, the only way open to the Board to overcome the perplexing situation in many instances was to fill the more important vacancies by creating new ones in such districts where the prospects of having them served by neighboring pastors were more favorable and the ever-existing danger of losing one field or the other was less menacing. Thank God, and owing to the missionary spirit of our pastors and especially to the untiring efforts and the spiritual and physical fitness of our Superintendent, none of our many vacant fields, which from east to west cover a distance of 1,000 miles, has been altogether without the administration of the means of grace, and it is certainly a matter of great satisfaction to the Board that, in spite of these most unfavorable external conditions, under which we have been compelled to work and to worry, we have been able to hold what we have, no losses so far having been sustained. But obviously the danger grows steadily with the duration of the present state of uncertainty, and the position of the Board is becom-

ing ever more embarrassing, visions of threatening disaster hovering before our eyes like uncanny spectres. Unquestionably the General Council has been called by God into the Western Canadian mission field. Unquestionably the present state of emergency has been foreseen by Divine Providence. But whether the General Council be prepared to shoulder the obligations involved and to meet the extraordinary requirements of this critical period, does not seem to be out of question. Our most heartfelt prayers rise to the throne of the Almighty for a happy and encouraging solution of this question.

One of the most important steps taken by your Board since the last convention of the Council was the appointment of a new Missionary Superintendent, which had become necessary through the resignation of the Rev. E. Knappe, the former occupant of the office. It was considered advisable to choose a man who had been acquainted with the field and its particular requirements, and who enjoyed the unlimited confidence of the missionaries and the whole Manitoba Synod. After careful investigation and prayerful consideration, a man with these and other desirable qualifications was found in Pastor H. Becker, who had been one of our faithful missionaries and an efficient pastor of one of the Manitoba Synod's self-supporting parishes for more than a decade, and who was most warmly recommended for the position of Superintendent by the officers of the Manitoba Synod. Rev. Becker, who after his appointment removed to 349 Boyd Ave., Winnipeg, Man., has, during the comparatively short period of his service in his new capacity, again and again covered the whole of our vast mission territory, has done most valuable service by providing vacant fields with the means of grace, has proved to be a most tactful and wise adjuster of congregational difficulties (which in view of the vicinity of competing missionary agencies in many cases are of a particularly threatening character), and has altogether given a splendid account of himself and his official abilities. As president of the Board, I deem it a pleasant duty to state that I have found Pastor Becker a most amiable and helpful co-worker, through whose co-operation the exceedingly complicated administration of our mission has been greatly facilitated and the president's official burden made more tolerable. In addition to the confidence of the missionaries, Rev. Becker has won the esteem and good will of the congregations, wherever he had to deal with them.

A further step in the right direction taken by the Board about a year ago was the creation of the office of General Secretary. The impossibility for the members of the Board of getting personally acquainted with the mission field and its laborers often proved to be a great disadvantage, this lack of knowledge of local, social, climatic and ecclesiastical conditions practically being the most serious handicap in the Board's well-meant efforts for a sane and efficient administration. In order to overcome these difficulties, the Rev. Paul Ludwig, of Camden, N. J., a member of the Pennsylvania Ministerium, was appointed General Secretary, and immediately commissioned, as representative of the Board, to start on a visiting

trip through the Canadian West, to study its particular conditions, its requirements and opportunities, and place the treasures of knowledge and experience thus acquired at the disposition of the Board. After a sojourn of three months on the field, during which he came into personal contact with all our missionaries, preached in most of our churches, and mingled with the people, gathering thereby an abundant amount of information concerning the different phases of Canadian western church life, he returned to the East and has since been kept constantly busy touring our congregations, presenting our cause at special missionary services, conference and synodical meetings, disseminating valuable knowledge, removing prejudices, and last, but not least, raising funds for our treasury. The fact that Rev. Ludwig has been a well-known and well-liked pastor of the East, with a long record of faithful service in our Church, has helped to open to him the hearts of many pastors and the doors of many congregations, and thereby to win for our cause a host of new friends. We expect him to return in the near future to the mission field, where his services in supplying some of our vacant districts will be most gratefully appreciated. Although his appointment and support involves a considerable extra expense, his services to the mission proper as well as to the Board have already justified such sacrifice, and his whole-hearted application to the manifold duties of his office has endeared him to those with whom he has been in official contact.

Trying now to give an account of the actual work done during the past biennium, and of the present state of the mission, we are almost overwhelmed by the immensity of our opportunities, the awfulness of our responsibilities on the one hand, and the comparative littleness of our activities on the other hand. The very thought of thousands, nay, tens of thousands of "our" people, children of the household of our faith, dependent upon our warm hearts and open hands for their salvation, eagerly waiting for the realization of the Lord's command through our services, and our hands being tied, our zeal being checked through sheer inability of meeting their expectations and our opportunities,—must utterly discourage us and might lead us to withdraw our hand from the mission plough, if it were not for the consoling knowledge that "*ultra posse nemo obligatur*," and that even our Master, in whose service we labor and to whom we are bound to give account of our service, does not expect more from us than faithful stewardship. And in all modesty we dare to confess that the Board, while practically every one of its sessions was a veritable struggle with its depressing limitations, has never seen another aim before its eyes and has never striven for another goal than faithful stewardship. Only to this faithfulness is it due that, in spite of all these drawbacks, which we had to battle with, looking back today upon the past biennium, we are in the position to profess: "Those that thou gavest me, I have kept; and none of them is lost."

The Board had to provide for 26 missions during the past period. Four of them are located in the states of Washington and Oregon, and are con-

nected with the Pacific Synod. The English language is more or less used by the missionaries by the side of the German. A fifth parish belonging to this group, at San Jose, Cal., has become self-supporting. The mission at Ottenheim, Ky., has, since the death of its pastor about two years ago, not been under the care of your Board. All the other missionaries are stationed in Western Canada, four in the province of Manitoba, eleven in the province of Saskatchewan, and six in the province of Alberta. One, for convenience' sake counted in the Canadian group, although located in the state of North Dakota, recently left for the East, his parish becoming self-supporting. It speaks well for the faithfulness and the missionary spirit of our men, that altogether only two of them withdrew from the mission field, to accept calls to the East, during the last two years. In view of the fact that, on account of our meagre appropriation, we can only grant our missionaries a salary that is hardly sufficient to provide for their most urgent needs, their loyalty to the mission cause is certainly most commendable, all the more so since they are in no way inferior as far as natural gifts and acquired qualifications for the ministry in the Lutheran Church are concerned. Struggling to serve their Master and our Lutheran Church under circumstances that require a large measure of the self-denying spirit of Christ, they are certainly deserving of the esteem and good will of the whole Church. One of our missionaries, the Rev. Jul. Müller, of Leduc, Alta., died about four months ago in the hospital of Edmonton, after very faithful service of but a few years, in the Lord's vineyard, much beloved and lamented by his people. "Requiescat in pace et aeterna lux luceat ei!" Two, the Revs. Bredlow and Hauptmann, are on our superannuated list, drawing a modest pension as a reward for their faithful labors on the mission field. In the city of Edmonton, where we have our two largest self-supporting congregations, which at the present time, however, have to put up an heroic fight for existence under the unfortunate conditions created by the war, a third man was stationed to do missionary work in the outlying districts under the supervision of Rev. Harms, one of the ablest men of the Manitoba Synod. Pastor Struewing, who had been in the service of the Board once before, was chosen for this work, his services so far giving promise of future results. A tour of investigation into the farther West, the Peace River District, was undertaken during the last year by Rev. Hempel, but the most primitive transportation facilities, involving incomparably large expense, the very sporadic settlement, the inclemency of the climate during the larger part of the year, and the lack of funds in our treasury seemed to prohibit the creation of a permanent mission station in this far-off country, for the time being at least. Meanwhile the other Lutheran Mission Boards operating in the West are said to have undertaken regular mission work in the Peace River District. The solution of the question, why? is obvious. They are more generously equipped with the essentials for successful mission work, men and means, and therefore better fitted for an undertaking, which seemingly only an adventure at the first glance, even-

tually may turn out to be a promising missionary campaign. It is an experience, with which time and again we have been brought face to face, that the contrast between our opportunities and our abilities has been the cause for our loss of ground, and that where we failed, others succeeded.

The Manitoba Synod College project, though in no way an undertaking of your Board, has nevertheless come in for a good deal of the latter's consideration and very naturally so, since according to the opinion of most competent men, men who thoroughly know and understand western Canadian church conditions, the question of establishing educational institutions has become vital for the continuation of mission work and thus for the permanency of our Church in western Canada. After having passed through an extended period of preliminary planning and experimenting, the project began showing signs of maturity in the spring of 1913, when a small number of students first received instruction in a rented house at Edmonton under the directorate of the president of the Manitoba Synod, the Rev. J. Goos, who had previously been elected the head of the institution, and secured the services of the local pastors as assistant instructors. At the same time a vigorous campaign of educating the people of the Manitoba Synod for intelligent co-operation and gathering funds was inaugurated and personally carried on by Rev. Goos. Thanks to his untiring efforts and restless activity for a cause of whose incalculable value for the continued existence of the Lutheran Church in the West he was firmly and sincerely convinced, results were sufficiently encouraging to justify the taking of an important forward step in the shape of selecting the place and a convenient site for the intended college building. At the proper time the college board was offered a very acceptable and in every respect suitable free site in the very centre of the Manitoba Synod and our mission territory, in the city of Saskatoon. Building operations were started and, although the financial stringency caused by the war throughout Canada seriously interfered with Rev. Goos' financial campaign, a very handsome and substantial building was erected. Though not yet completed in every detail, it was put in shape for occupation by the director and students, and, about two months ago, in connection with the convention of the Manitoba Synod, it was formally opened and dedicated to the service of God in the Lutheran Church. Besides the director there are three assistant teachers, including the local pastor. Your Board has financially aided this important undertaking by a grant of \$800 for the first year and \$1,000 for the current year, but is well aware of the fact that in view of the inability of the Manitoba Synod, 75 per cent. of whose congregations are missions, more should be done by us, in order to insure for this youngest and most indigent institution of the General Council permanency and efficiency. The plan of the Manitoba Synod to establish a college was endorsed by the General Council at its last convention at Toledo, Ohio. Although such endorsement does not involve any promises of financial assistance, it certainly justifies the claim of the Manitoba Synod for the Council's sympathy and good will and perhaps for an in-

creased appropriation to the German Board in view of its obligations to this additional cause.

The personnel of the Board, to whom the care for our German mission work has been entrusted, seems to be well and wisely selected. With one or two exceptions every member of the Board attended every meeting during the past period. Keen interest and sincere effort on the part of every member to intelligently grasp the many peculiar features of our task and to deal with them accordingly marked all our deliberations.

A most serious loss befell your Board in the unexpected and much lamented death of Rev. H. Erdmann little more than a year ago. While his sunny, kind-hearted disposition fascinated every one that came into contact with him, his burning love for his Church, his ever-present ardor of proving such love by untiring activity, his particular gift of counseling wisely and intelligently, concurred to make his death a very perceptible and a hardly reparable loss. He has done faithful and valuable work as a member of our Board. We thank God who gave him to us and who has taken him away to his reward. And we pray God for true and noble Christian men to serve Him and His Church, be it on the mission field, or be it on the Board, men that are consecrated to the great cause of Jesus Christ and willing to act according to their daily prayer: "Thy kingdom come!"

Treasurer's Report of the Board of German Home Missions

August 1, 1913 to August 1, 1915.

I. MISSION ACCOUNT.

Receipts.

Balance in Treasury, Aug. 1, 1913	\$ 480 21
Ministerium of Pennsylvania	\$11,159 94
Ministerium of New York	3,909 89
Pittsburgh Synod	2,009 94
Canada Synod	1,408 25
District Synod of Ohio	301 13
Manitoba Synod	136 75
Northwest Synod	132 45
Pacific Synod	96 37
Texas Synod	50 00
New York and New England Synod	7 17
Collected by Rev. Paul Ludwig, Gen. Sec.	233 44
Collected by Rev. H. Becker, Supt.	161 05
Other Contributions	762 17
Interest from Bank	54 90
	20,423 45
Total	\$20,903 66

Disbursements.

Missionaries' Salaries in Canada	\$10,561 35
Missionaries' Salaries in Oregon	1,270 00
Missionaries' Salaries in Washington	318 75
Missionaries' Salaries in Dakota	158 00
Missionaries' Salaries in California	50 00
	\$12,358 10
Salary of Superintendent	\$1,599 45
Salary of General Secretary	1,300 20
	\$ 2,899 65
Special Appropriations to Missionaries	465 00
Traveling Expenses of Superintendent	\$ 171 12
Traveling Expenses of General Secretary	290 11
Traveling Expenses of Missionaries	188 00
Traveling Expenses of the Board	458 02
	\$ 1,107 25
Manitoba Synod for College Professorship	1,600 00
Interest on Notes	36 99
Printing	22 80
Postage and Official Expenses	43 12
Total	\$18,532 91
Balance in Mission Account, Aug. 1, 1915	2,370 75
	\$20,903 66

II. CHURCH BUILDING FUND.

Receipts.

Repayments of loans	\$ 732 90
Donations	450 95
Lehnemann Memorial for Moosehorn Church	350 00
Loaned in Bank	1,000 00
Total	\$ 2,533 85

Disbursements.

Repayment of Notes	\$ 1,700 00
Interest on Notes	70 67
Loan to Trinity Church, Strathcona	1,000 00
Loan to College of Manitoba Synod	1,000 00
Payment of Lehneman Memorial	350 00
Deficit in Church Building Account, Aug. 1, 1913	319 34
Total	\$ 4,440 01
Deficit in Building Fund Account, Aug. 1, 1915	1,906 16
	\$2,533 85

Assets.

Outstanding Loans to six congregations and the college	\$ 3,767 10
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Liabilities.

Amount of Deficit, transferred from Mission Account \$ 1,906 16

III. SILOAH ACCOUNT.

Receipts.

Balance in Treasury, Aug. 1, 1913	\$ 90 08
Subscriptions	1,002 11
Total	\$ 1,092 19

Disbursements.

Printing and mailing	\$ 1,080 75
Halftones	4 25
Total	\$ 1,085 00
Balance in Treasury of Siloah Account, Aug. 1, 1915..	7 19
	\$ 1,092 19

Respectfully submitted,

H. D. E. SIEBOTT, *Treasurer.*

Philadelphia,
August 1, 1915.

The undersigned, having carefully examined the books of the Treasurer of the Board of German Home Missions of the General Council, found the same correct, and in accordance with the above report.

ADOLPH HELLWEGE.

Philadelphia, Aug. 13, 1915.

RECOMMENDATIONS

In view of the great and difficult task entrusted to your Board in general, and of the critical period it has to pass through at the present time in particular, the General Council resolved:

1. That the German Home Mission work be again recommended and the necessity of concentrated action by every synod be especially urged.
2. That the sum of \$30,000 pro anno be granted to the German Home Mission Board, of which \$3,000 pro anno be devoted to the College at Saskatoon.

E. HOFFMANN, *President of Board.*

The Report on German Conference was read for information, and after the substitution of one of its recommendations for the second of the Board, that item was referred to the Budget Committee.

The report of the German Home Mission Board, including Recommendations and Treasurer's Report, was adopted.

The Rev. Dr. Offermann presented the

REPORT OF THE GERMAN CONFERENCE

The Committee on German Conference begs leave to submit the following report:

A conference of German pastors and delegates to consider the interests of the German work within the Synods of the General Council was held in Chicago, Ill., Sept. 8, 1915. These resolutions were passed:

1. The recommendations of the Kropp Commission to the General Council were unanimously approved.

2. It was recommended that a sum total of \$30,000 pro anno be granted to the German Home Mission Board, of which sum \$3,000 pro anno are to be devoted to the College at Saskatoon.

3. With regard to *Der Deutsche Lutheraner*, the German official organ of the General Council, these recommendations are made: a. We rejoice in the fact that *Der Deutsche Lutheraner* has during the past two years substantially increased its circulation and gained many new subscribers. b. We express to the Editing Committee, and especially to the chief-editor, the Rev. Dr. G. C. Berkemeier, who has given all his services to the paper gratuitously, our hearty appreciation of their work. c. We would suggest to the Publication Board of the General Council whether it might not be advisable to enlarge the paper from 12 to 16 pages, and we recommend that the sum of \$1,000 pro anno be granted for incidental expenses. d. We would respectfully ask the General Council to recommend *Der Deutsche Lutheraner* to all our German pastors and congregations.

4. We recommend that the traveling expenses of the delegate of the Manitoba Synod be paid out of the treasury of the General Council.

H. OFFERMANN, *Secretary*.

Recommendations 1, 3 (except c) and 4 were adopted; 2 was substituted for number 2 of the German Home Mission Board, and referred to the Budget Committee.

With reference to 3 (c), it was

Resolved, That the matter of increasing the size of *Der Deutsche Lutheraner* be referred to the Publication Board with power to act.

The report was then adopted as a whole.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Berkemeier, it was

Resolved, That the General Council arise, and offer silent prayer for our suffering Lutheran brethren in the lands of stress and strife.

The Council arose and engaged in a season of prayer.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Berkemeier, it was

Resolved, That the Report of the Seamen's Missionary be spread upon the Minutes.

SEAMEN'S MISSION

"Distributing to the necessity of the saints, given to hospitality."

Queer saints for whom the Seamen's Mission is working! Their home is the ocean, their grave is the deep. If you see them, square shouldered, with strong neck and big chest, the strong hands buried in the pockets, walking with a sway, the eyes always looking over the things of the day, seeking tomorrow, dreaming of yesterday. Pipe or cigarette carefully kept under steam helps them to uphold that certain air of reservedness, born half out of pride and half out of shyness. Taught by experience to watch out ashore and against all sorts of sharks, they prefer to keep to themselves. What do we landlubbers do for them, when they ask the hospitality of our shores? One look over the waterfront of our big harbors will tell us: saloons, dancing halls, second-hand stores, souvenir stores, pawnshops, shows of doubtful quality. Nobody cares for these strangers but the people who want to skin them.

We used to speak of our Christian seafarers. The proud word was true. With our ships and with our seamen went the cross and the preaching of the Gospel. Many an old mission tells of this fact. But when the colonies grew and became trading-posts, the life of adventure became dominant. All sorts of knights of fortune, gamblers and such like made them their field of operation. The newcomers, the greenhorns, the men who had suddenly succeeded, and the sailors of the incoming ships were their easy prey. The communities developed. They began to protect their citizens against these evil influences, but to the always important element of the underworld, the strangers and sailors were left. Immigrant Mission set in and protected the people who came to stay. Our Lutheran Church is thankful that one of her fathers, Berkemeier, was instrumental in bringing about this. But who cared for the seamen? The English did. Too immense was the loss of church and country through the ravages of the life in foreign ports. The Seamen's Mission went out after the lost sons and tried to prevent or at least limit these losses. America owes a tribute of thanks to Father Taylor of Boston, who, single-handed, took up the work of Seamen's Mission, winning over the Boston people for it. The Boston Port Society was formed and works up to this day under God's blessing among the sailors of all nations. Germany as well as the Scandinavian countries saw the great need of this mission work and soon took it up. The northern brethren deserve the highest praise for the great work they are doing despite their

relatively small numbers in population. With great sacrifices and unceasing zeal they go after their countrymen following the sea. With them as well as with the Germans, Seamen's Mission is a special task for the Lutheran Church. For the bulk of the seafaring of both countries consists of Lutherans.

THE PRINCIPLES OF OUR WORK.

1. Seamen are not worse than other people. Temptation is greater, protection by home and family lacking, therefore they succumb easier to sin. Strengthen protection, lessen temptation, and the Seamen's Mission will succeed. Offer a clean home, keep the men in connection with their people at home, take this connection up where it has been lost. Win the seamen's confidence, visit the sick, care for the destitute. Then after all this has been done, the question why you do it all, will bring you the harvest: For the love of our Lord. After this practical lesson in Christianity the men will come to our chapel, will ask for the Lord's Supper.

2. Our work is not a social welfare work. We therefore cannot associate Seamen's Mission with any single movement in this direction. By this we would exclude a number of men entitled to our help.

3. Our work grew out of the feeling of responsibility that the Lutheran Church had for her sons at sea. Our work therefore is Lutheran. This means our pastors and helpers must be Lutherans. This means on the other hand that our help goes to every man who wants and needs it, regardless of creed.

Along this line German Seamen's Mission was begun in New York Port 8 years ago. Dr. Berkemeier, Dr. Hoffmann, Dr. Loch, Pastor Richter, in connection with Pastor Thun, sent by the Lutheran Seemannsfuersorge Verband, Hannover, were the founders of the work. It was started in a small house in Hudson street, Hoboken, and has by our Lord's help increased and developed every year, so that now it comprises four houses with a lodging capacity of 100 beds, of whom 60 are in single rooms. The services are attended by an average of 60 men, against about 12 in the first year. The reading room sees about 50,000 visitors a year. The savings department takes care of over \$100,000 of sailors' wages. More than 1,500 visits were paid to sick sailors last year. 150 ships crews got libraries for the journey. The society encouraged by the progress of the mission work intended to expand and erect a second station in Brooklyn, plans for a station in San Francisco were laid out, when the outbreak of the great war forced the mission to go in with all strength to aid the war-stranded seamen, deprived of the possibility to earn their living aboard. Here also we cannot thank our Lord enough who helped us through this time of need and sorrow, that in a moment where we lost 50 per cent. of our annual income, we nevertheless were able to help everyone who called for help, sometimes 400 a day. More than 12,000 free lodgings and a corresponding number of meals were given to our war-stranded seamen, of whom we provided over 3,000 with work.

To prevent idleness among our men we started an industrial department, manufacturing toys. We paid \$8,000 in wages and always enlarged the

number of workers. This enables us to put our men to a test and keep the loafers away. On the other side it is morally better to let a man earn, than to make him depend upon charity.

The president of our society is Dr. H. W. Hoffmann, of St. Paul's, Brooklyn, who from the start, was the pillar of the work. The pastor in charge is Hermann Brueckner. Comparative statistics of 1908 and 1914 give an impression of the growth of the work.

STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 1914.

Lodged in the Home, sailors	3,332
Beds paid	17,559
Free beds	10,832
Free meals given at the Home	10,488
Meals paid for outside	1,732
Clothing provided for	850
Cash advanced	\$ 961.89
Positions secured and fares paid	\$ 1,070.89
Cash relief for sick	\$ 209.52
Lodging tickets (outside)	\$ 300.00
Meal tickets (outside)	\$ 240.80
For the interned from S. S. Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse	\$ 225.00
Aid to families	\$ 125.00
Visitors to the Reading Room	50,000
Attendance at divine service	4,776
Letters received for sailors	7,331
Letters written by sailors	5,000
Hospital visits	2,321
Ship visits	423
Free baths	4,110
Money transactions:	
Deposited in the Home	\$39,515.12
Sent abroad	50,992.88
Deposited in Bank	25,865.39
	\$116,373.39

When the society for the care of German seamen in the port of New York now appeals to the General Council in behalf of the work of Seamen's Mission, the society does not want your help for New York only. It wants your understanding for the need of the mission in all the big seaports of the Union. It does not want you to pave the entire coast line with Seamen's Homes. But it wants you to co-operate with the existing societies, so that the missing links may be added to the chain of Christian endeavor to save and hold our seamen who represent the flower of our manhood.

H. BRUECKNER, *Seemannspastor*.

Hoboken, Sept. 7, 1915.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Frick, it was

Resolved, That the reports of the Committees on Nominations be made the first order of business on Saturday morning.

E. Aug. Miller, Esq., presented the

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF GENERAL COUNCIL

OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN NORTH AMERICA.

The Trustees of the General Council would respectfully report:

That since the last Convention of the General Council held in 1913, the Trustees have had two meetings, at which meetings the following items of business were transacted:

Organization was effected by the election of Rev. Theodore E. Schmauk, D.D., LL.D., President; Hon. William H. Staake, Treasurer, and E. Augustus Miller, Secretary.

After some correspondence and adjustment of matters, all of the securities held by the Trustees for the use and benefit of its Foreign Mission Board have been transferred to that incorporated Board, in accordance with the Resolution of the Council at its meeting in 1911.

After careful consideration, the Trustees have concluded that it would be unwise at the present time to amend the Charter of the corporation so as to make the terms of office of the Trustees expire coincident with the meeting of the General Council, and therefore the court has not been petitioned for the granting of such amendment; in consequence, as the term of office of the whole Board of Trustees expires at the present meeting of the Council, it will be necessary to elect nine trustees to take the place of those whose terms of office expire.

The names of these Trustees are as follows:

Rev. Theodore E. Schmauk, D.D., LL.D.

Rev. Edward E. Sibole, D.D.

Rev. Prof. Henry Offermann, D.D.

Rev. John H. Waidelich.

Hon. Wm. H. Staake.

Mr. William F. Monroe.

Prof. Samuel P. Sadtler, Ph.D., LL.D.

Mr. William H. Hager.

Mr. E. Augustus Miller.

As all the funds in the hands of the Treasurer are held for the use and benefit of the Foreign Mission Board and these having been turned over to that incorporated Board, the Treasurer has no funds on hand subject to account.

Respectfully submitted,

E. AUG. MILLER, *Secretary*.

The report was adopted.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE TRUSTEES

The report of the Treasurer has not yet been received, owing to his absence from home, but upon his return, his report, duly audited, will be attached to this Report of the Trustees.

Report of William H. Staake, Treasurer of the Trustees of the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America:

1913	<i>Dr.</i>	
Aug. 16.	To cash balance on hand	\$7,024 05
Aug. 19.	To cash	48 60
Aug. 31.	To cash, interest	50 96
Oct. 1.	To cash, interest on bonds	50 00
1914		
Mch. 5.	To cash, interest	59 89
1915		
July 22.	To cash, bequest Dr. Henry A. Grim, dec'd, Oscar S. Grim, Executor, Allentown, Penna.	1,084 88
Sept. 1.	To cash, interest	2 08
Sept. 20.	To cash, bequest Estate of Charlotte Chorley, deceased, C. T. Colladay, Executor	475 00
Sept. 20.	To cash, E. P. 4 per cent. bonds	2,500 00
		\$11,295 46
1914	<i>Cr.</i>	
Jan. 21.	By cash, James M. Snyder, Treasurer Board of Foreign Missions, by Resolution of Trustees, etc.	\$7,148 61
Jan. 21.	By delivery of E. & P. 4 per cent. bonds to James M. Snyder, Treasurer	2,500 00
Jan. 21.	By cash, William A. Rafferty, services	5 00
1915		
Oct. 1.	Amount retained for outstanding checks	20 00
Oct. 4.	By cash, James M. Snyder, Treasurer of Foreign Mission Board	1,621 85
		\$11,295 46

Respectfully submitted by

WILLIAM H. STAAKE, *Treasurer.*

October 4, 1915. I hereby certify that I have examined and vouched the above account, and find the same correct as to the items of charge and discharge thereof. The Electric and People's bond in the sum of \$2,500—being two bonds in the sum of \$1,000 each and one bond in the sum of \$500—each being 4 per cent. bonds, were delivered to the Treasurer of The Foreign Mission Board, January 26, 1914.

E. AUG. MILLER.

The Rev. C. R. Tappert presented the

REPORT OF KROPP COMMISSION

The period covered by this report began under the most propitious auspices. The arrangement made with Kropp by the General Council was in good working order and during the first three years of its existence it yielded very gratifying results. The financial difficulties which at first so greatly embarrassed the Commission had given way to a normal and satisfying condition. The best of harmony prevailed between the Commission here and abroad. In the Seminary and Proseminary at Kropp 37 young Christians were preparing for active service in the vineyard of the Lord and a fair and steady increase in the number of students was confidently looked forward to. In the person of Prof. Rev. Rochnert, son of the famous dogmatician, the Seminary had secured as director a man of unusual attainments and abilities, respected by his colleagues and beloved by his students; and even the long cherished "desiderium," to have a representative American professor at this German institution had at last been realized. Rev. C. T. Benze, D.D., at the time director of Thiel College, accepted an honourable call to assume the professorship of practical theology and was cordially received by the members of the faculty as well as of the Board of Directors. He entered upon his duties with his usual zeal and energy and soon the results of his efficiency made themselves felt. The graduates of 1914 showed a very marked improvement as far as understanding of our peculiar conditions is concerned and a new interest in and a better appreciation of the great problems and opportunities of our German Home Mission was beginning to take root in the hearts of all the students. Everything looked bright and promising for the future.

Suddenly, almost without warning, the war-cloud burst. Europe was turned into an armed camp. The whole German nation arose in defense of the Fatherland.

As a matter of course, the Seminary at Kropp could not escape being affected by this gigantic struggle. Of the class graduating in 1914 two had entered the Philadelphia Seminary and three our mission work in the territory of the Manitoba Synod; in consideration of subsidies, received from the Bavarian "Gottes Kasten," two others had been yielded to Lutheran diaspora-work in South America, one had to return to Russia, and the two remaining who had not yet left Germany at the beginning of the war, are now at the front. The entire class that was to graduate in 1915 was called to arms. One of these young brethren is reported missing, another one is serving as field chaplain in the Austrian army. Of the present senior class, which numbered eleven, all but three are in the trenches. One of them has already sacrificed his young life on the altar of the Fatherland. Only two of the Junior class are left to pursue their studies, both permanently exempt from military duties. Four sophomores remained, three of these may however, at any time, be summoned to the colours. The entire enrollment of the two pro-seminary classes consists

of three, one being exempt from military service and the two others too young to be called upon for several years. Also the teaching staff has been diminished. Professor Rev. Loth temporarily took charge of a vacant parish, the pastor of which had gone to the front. But notwithstanding this derangement and all the excitement and commotion, caused by the war, the work at the seminary has been continued, the remaining professors taking charge of Rev. Loth's lectures and the students applying themselves to their studies quietly and faithfully and with all possible concentration of heart and mind. Our American professor was frequently called upon, in addition to his extra work at the Seminary, to relieve the burden of the pastors who were taxed to the utmost by the demands made upon their time and energy in consequence of the great religious interest which marked the outbreak of the war. His call to the Philadelphia Seminary ends his engagement in Kropp. Brief as his stay in Germany has been, the impression made and received, will, we trust, be lasting, and the benefits and blessings derived from his intercourse with so many distinguished and noble-hearted champions of our Lutheran cause abroad will be mutual. The Commission regrets to lose his valuable services at the German Seminary, but at the same time rejoices at the prospect of seeing a professor of Dr. Benze's experience and connections at Philadelphia.

Financially, the Seminary suffered, as was to be expected, by the falling off in its regular income from students' fees and home-contributions. The General Council support was a Godsend, enabling the institution to continue its work uninterrupted. It is highly appreciated and most gratefully acknowledged.

The complete cessation of supply from Kropp caused a serious crisis in the German mission work. There are no prospects whatever of filling the vacancies until the war is over. What changes the future may bring, can only be conjectured. German immigration may come to a complete standstill, so that we have no further need of a seminary in Germany. Emigration may however take a new start and the need of German missionaries become greater than ever. At such a time it would not be prudent to prematurely sever or even loosen our connections with an institution that has done us such great services in the past and may be of even greater importance in the future. Therefore, although the reduced number of professors and students would justify, for the present, a reduction in the amount of our appropriation, the best interest of the Church seems to demand that our agreement with Kropp be continued and the Kropp Commission trusted to make (within the principles of the agreement and the stipulated amount of the appropriation) whatever alterations the conditions after the war may necessitate.

The officers of the Commission were all re-elected, viz: Rev. Theo. E. Schmauk, D.D., LL.D., Lebanon, Pa., president; Rev. C. R. Tappert, Berlin, Ont., secretary; Rev. A. Hellwege, Philadelphia, treasurer. The

secretary being prevented from communicating with parties abroad, Rev. E. C. J. Kraeling, Brooklyn, N. Y., was elected corresponding secretary pro tem.

C. R. TAPPERT, *Secretary*.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. The Kropp Commission recommends, that an appropriation of \$3,000 pro anno be granted for the work in charge of this commission.

2. That the Kropp Commission be authorized to make, in the arrangement with Kropp, whatever changes the conditions arising during or after the war may necessitate, provided the principles laid down in the agreement are not violated and the appropriation stipulated is not overstepped.

C. R. TAPPERT, *Secretary*.

Report of Treasurer of Kropp Commission.

Aug. 1, 1913, to Aug. 1, 1915.

Receipts.

Balance in Treasury, Aug. 1, 1913	\$ 965 51
Treasurer of Ministerium of Pennsylvania	\$ 3,426 15
Treasurer of Ministerium of New York	2,426 87
Treasurer of Pittsburgh Synod	457 44
Treasurer of Canada Synod	450 15
Treasurer of Manitoba Synod	15 00
Treasurer of District Synod of Ohio	7 76
Treasurer of Synod of Central Canada	5 00
Other contributions	490 35
Interest from Bank	15 28
	7,294 00
Total	\$ 8,259 51

Disbursements.

To Rev. H. Ketels, Treasurer of Kropp Seminary	\$ 6,498 00
To Rev. Prof. Dr. Theo. Benze	1,375 00
For Traveling Expenses	176 50
For Printing, Postage, Cablegrams, etc.	77 74
Total	\$ 8,127 24
Balance in Treasury, Aug. 1, 1915	132 27

Respectfully submitted, \$ 8,259 51

ADOLF HELLWEGE, *Treasurer*.

1960 N. 6th, Phila., Pa.

Philadelphia, Aug. 1, 1915.

The undersigned, having carefully examined the books of the Treasurer of the Kropp Commission, found the same correct and in accordance with the above report.

Philadelphia, Aug. 13, 1915.

H. D. E. SIEBOTT, *Auditor*.

Recommendation 1 was referred to the Budget Committee, Recommendation 2 was adopted.

The report of the Kropp Commission and its Treasurer was adopted.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Horn, it was

Resolved, That whatever arrangement the Kropp Commission make, it shall first have the approval of the President of the General Council before being carried into effect.

The Rev. Dr. Berkemeier presented the

REPORT OF THE EDITOR-IN-CHIEF OF "DER DEUTSCHE LUTHERANER"

"Der Deutsche Lutheraner," the German official organ of the General Council, is now successfully concluding its sixth year and continues to be "*Deutsch*" and "*Lutherisch*." Its "*Deutsch*" is tempered and controlled by the "*Lutherisch*," whilst the "*Lutherisch*" is to some extent at least of the pronounced good old German type. Call it "hyphenated." Perhaps it is. If the hyphen indicates the bond that connects with the land of the Reformation and the history of the Reformation (Wartburg, Eisenach, Wittenberg, Worms), and especially with the great Reformer himself, Father Luther, then our "Deutsche-Lutheraner" is most decidedly hyphenated, not only in name, but in spirit and in truth. No external circumstances can break the bond, and as Israel of old made the solemn pledge, "*If I forget thee, O Jerusalem, let my right hand forget his cunning; if I do not remember thee, let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth!*" In religious matters it is fatal to lose the hyphen. To cut it is to cut out the very heart. That does not mean that we should not stand with both feet on American soil and adapt ourselves enthusiastically to present conditions and surroundings. Quite the contrary. In preserving the precious heritage of the past and using it for the best of our country, we render the very greatest service to our country and nation, a thousand times more so, than by emptying ourselves of the heritage of the past and building castles in the air—without foundation. Our sacred and unmovable foundation is in the Past. The deeper the tree roots beneath the soil, the higher it will rise towards heaven; whilst a tree without roots must wither and die. So there is no reason for apologizing for our hyphenated name—even in these troubled times.

The past year has been an anxious year for "Der Deutsche Lutheraner," but also a year of golden opportunities. God has gone deep with his plow through the heart and conscience of the German people—and we have been called upon to follow after His awful visitations and cast the seed of His Word into the open furrows. Immediately after the outbreak of the awful war we eagerly seized on this opportunity and endeavored to improve it to our utmost ability. "Der Deutsche Lutheraner" has found a unique mission and has had wonderful success in performing this mission. There is perhaps no other religious publication in the country

which has taken such pains to illuminate the epoch-making events of the present war in the light of the Word of God, interpreting them to the minds and hearts and consciences of its readers. And it has made an impression, a profound impression, attested by innumerable letters of grateful appreciation and proven by a remarkable increase of subscribers. We think this is a conclusive proof that God has given us wisdom in these troubled times to pursue just the right course and lead in the right way.

The Editor-in-Chief would avail himself of this opportunity to express his profound gratitude to his associates, especially to Rev. Prof. H. Offermann, D.D., and Rev. J. G. Hoepfner, for their hearty and self-sacrificing co-operation. It has been a privilege and a pleasure to be so closely united with them in this common cause. One who has been very near and dear to our heart, and who from the beginning was one of the most enthusiastic friends of "Der Deutsche Lutheraner," has been suddenly translated from the corruptible to the incorruptible. I refer to our dear friend, the zealous and indefatigable Rev. Hugo R. Erdmann. With his hands on the plow he was suddenly called away. We loved him in life—for there was none more lovable, more genial and kind; we love him still and mourn his loss and will cherish his memory as an inspiration to high and noble aims and deeds.

Special grateful acknowledgment is due to our friend, the Rev. O. Kleine, for his masterful contributions to our paper; also to Pastor Martin Ulbrich, in Magdeburg, Germany, who is our regular European correspondent. Our relations to the General Council Publication House, especially to its manager, Mr. Chas. B. Opp, have been uniformly of the most pleasant kind.

The editorial work on "Der Deutsche Lutheraner" on the part of the Editor-in-Chief, as well as his associates, is gratuitous. "Der Deutsche Lutheraner" is the German official organ of the General Council, and as such deserves the hearty support of all the members of this body.

Respectfully submitted,

G. C. BERKEMEIER, *Editor-in-Chief.*

"Wartburg," Mt. Vernon, N. Y.

August 4, 1915.

It was received, and ordered to be spread on the Minutes with approbation.

The Rev. E. F. Ritter presented the

REPORT ON THE ENGLISH CONFERENCE

The Committee on English Conference conducted a most successful, satisfactory and largely attended meeting in Chicago, on Wednesday, Sept. 8.

E. F. RITTER, *Secretary.*

It was received and adopted.

The Rev. Dr. Hunton presented the

REPORT OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL WORK COMMITTEE

1. During the past biennium, the work of developing our Lutheran Graded Series of Lessons has gone steadily forward. New editions of nearly all of the Grade Books have been printed, and in most instances, revisions have been made with a view of improvement of the books. The series is like a living tree constantly growing, and, through care in pruning in the process of growth, it is ever becoming more perfect, complete and symmetrical.

2. In accordance with the recommendation at Toledo, the Teacher's Training Quarterly has been published. The first issue appeared in June, 1914.

3. It is felt that every teacher who uses the Lutheran Graded System should be supplied with the Teacher Training Quarterly. We would call attention to the fact that teachers may select their course or courses and that provision is made for due credit for any and all work done, teachers' certificates being awarded in the name of the Sunday School Work Committee on the basis of work done. We would recommend that all schools be urged to take up systematic Teacher Training by organizing classes to pursue the studies furnished in our new Teacher Training Quarterly.

4. "Sunbeams" and "Sunshine," the bi-weekly papers for the Wonderland and Workland Grades, according to the action two years ago, have been made weekly papers. While the increase in circulation has not been great, it is steady and warrants the belief that the Church appreciates the change and will soon furnish a sufficiently large increase in circulation to justify the increased number of copies furnished at the minimum increase in the subscription price.

5. Your Committee would respectfully report that, in response to the overtures of the General Synod and of the United Synod of the South, seeking co-operation in Common Sunday-school literature, and pursuant to the instructions given your Committee at the last convention of the General Council, a special sub-committee met with the representatives of the bodies above named as also with a representative of the Joint Synod of Ohio. This meeting was held May 3rd, 1915, to discuss the whole question. Sub-committees were appointed on the question of editorial and business principles to be established in the matter of co-operation, after which a further meeting is to be held. We would recommend that your Committee, under instructions, as already given, be authorized to continue to co-operate in this joint effort and report whatever progress is made to the General Council for its approval.

6. The recommendation to establish a juvenile paper to meet the needs of children in the grades from Pictureland to Bible History has not, due to the urgency of other work and the question of securing sufficient cir-

ulation, as yet been carried out. We would again recommend that when the editorial and business conditions warrant it, that such a paper be issued.

7. We recommend that the Committee on Sunday-school Work be and is hereby instructed to continue the preparation, and the Publication Board the publication, of all Sunday-school apparatus now in use, and that the Board of Publication pay the same amounts, at the same times as heretofore, to the Committee for expenses, as provided for by the Council in past years.

8. We recommend that the action of the Council, authorizing the Committee to publish such other literature as in the judgment of the Committee will prove financially justifiable, be reaffirmed.

9. We recommend that the issue of the joint Sunday-school paper be continued, and that the Committee and Board be authorized to unite with the publishing houses of other Lutheran Bodies in continuing the issue of such a paper, upon terms clear and explicit, each Committee and Board to keep its issue strictly under its own control.

10. With approval of your Committee a beginning has been made of a translation and re-publication of our Graded System in the Danish language. We would recommend that this permission to re-publish be approved and would, at the same time, recommend that whatever portions of our series are translated into other languages, be made so as to make possible eventually the use of the entire system in those tongues as well as in English.

11. We call attention to the fact that we are now completing twenty years of continuous service of our Graded Series in whole or in part in our General Council.

THE COMMITTEE.

The report, with its recommendations, was adopted.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Kretschmann, it was

Resolved, That in view of the fact that the Lutheran Graded series has entered upon its twentieth year of use in the General Council, we would respectfully call the attention of the Church to the fact of its wide and extensive use, as it is brought out in the report of the Board of Publication, and also emphasize its constructive influence in the present general trend toward better and more thorough religious instruction for the youth of the church, and would respectfully suggest at this time the advisability of marking the twentieth anniversary by special efforts on the part of our pastors and all our schools to introduce the Graded System in all its parts, with a view to improve and make entirely uniform the instruction in the schools of the Church by the universal use of the system in our own General Council schools.

After prayer by the Rev. Dr. E. F. Pihlblad, President of Bethany College, the Council adjourned.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Saturday, September 11, 1915, 9 A. M.

The Fourth Session was opened with a devotional service, conducted by the Rev. A. Theo. Ekblad, of Superior, Wis.

The Minutes of the first three Sessions were read and approved.

Reports of the Committees on Nominations of Boards, etc., were made and accepted and a few additional nominations made from the floor.

NOMINATIONS OF BOARDS, ETC.

I. For Trustees of the General Council:—Rev. Theodore E. Schmauk, D.D., LL.D., Rev. Henry Offermann, D.D., Hon. William H. Staake, E. Aug. Miller, Esq., Prof. Samuel P. Sadtler, Ph.D., LL.D., Mr. Lewis Nelson, Chicago; Mr. Wm. H. Hager, Rev. Edward F. Ritter, Pres. Elmer F. Krauss, D.D.

L. G. ABRAHAMSON, *Chairman.*

II. Board of Foreign Missions:—1. For the unexpired term of the Rev. Dr. E. T. Horn, the Rev. C. Theodore Benze, D.D.

2. For the four-year term: Rev. L. G. Abrahamson, D.D., Rev. F. Jacobson, Ph.D., A. Raymond Bard, Reading; Rev. John A. Weyl, Ph.D., Rev. William E. Frey, Henry Boyer, M.D., Philadelphia; Matthias March, Norristown, Pa.; Robt. E. Gaskell, New York.

G. A. BRANDELLE, *Secretary.*

III. English Home Mission Board:—Rev. John E. Whitteker, D.D., Rev. George W. Sandt, D.D., E. Augustus Miller, Esq., William H. Hager, Frank D. Bittner, John B. Franke, Henry F. Mollenhauer.

W. K. FRICK, *Chairman.*

IV. German Home Mission Board:—Rev. Emil J. Hoffman, D.D., Rev. Emil J. Kraeling, Rev. Gustave A. Benze, D.D., Rev. H. D. E. Siebott, Rev. C. Reinhold Tappert, Rev. John J. Kuendig, D.D., Rev. Gottlieb C. Berkemeier, D.D., Rev. H. E. Schmieder, Rev. Philip Kirchner, Martin Wulff, Frederick Kracke, Geo. Anger, Ernest G. Munke, Adam Leib, John A. Prigge.

H. BREZING, *Chairman.*

V. Swedish Home Mission Board:—Rev. Lawrence A. Johnston, D.D., Rev. Gustaf A. Brandelle, D.D., Rev. Carl A. Blomgren, Ph.D., Andrew Peterson, Rev. J. E. Rydbäck, O. P. Olson, Rev. P. J. Brodine, D.D., Prof. Claude W. Foss, Ph.D., Rev. N. J. Forsberg, C. A. Larson.

L. G. ABRAHAMSON, *Chairman.*

VI. Porto Ricò Mission Board:—Rev. Edmund Belfour, D.D., Rev. Benj. F. Hankey, Rev. Morton Parson, Rev. J. A. Bernhard, Rev. C. Q. Thunberg, Rev. Thurston O. Keister, D.D., Wm. Steinmeyer, Chas. W. Fuhr, James Gear, Joseph S. Seaman, J. B. Kaercher, John Shoemaker.
S. G. OHMAN, *Chairman*.

VII. Slav Mission Board:—Rev. George Gebert, D.D., Rev. A. D. Dianiska, Rev. J. O. Glenn, Rev. Frank E. Jensen, Rev. G. H. Tappert, Henry Jaegels, Summit, N. Y.

W. L. STOUGH, *Chairman*.

VIII. Immigrant Mission Board:—Rev. Geo. C. F. Haas, D.D., Rev. John A. Weyl, Rev. Daniel W. Peterson, Rev. John J. Heischmann, D.D., Rev. Allen L. Benner, Rev. A. D. Dianiska, Rev. Fritz Evers, Rev. Jacob W. Loch, Rev. Hermann J. Kraeling, Rev. Frederick Sutter, Otto Lindemann, Martin Wulff, Frederick Kracke, Peter Doerr, Charles Bruening.
THEO. O. POSSELT, *Chairman*.

IX. Board of Publication:—Rev. Samuel A. Ziegenfuss, D.D., Rev. Charles J. Cooper, D.D., James G. Finley, Charles F. Opp, E. Clarence Miller.

G. W. SANDT, *Chairman*.

X. Board of Education:—Rev. Prof. J. A. W. Haas, D.D., LL.D., Rev. Frederick A. Kaehler, D.D., Rev. Prof. C. E. Lindeberg, D.D., LL.D., Rev. E. F. Keever, D.D., Rev. Prof. Gustav A. Andreen, Ph.D., Rev. Frank C. Oberly, Rev. Prof. J. A. W. Kirsch, Rev. William E. Frey.
To fill terms expiring 1917: Rev. Prof. Elmer F. Krauss, D.D., Rev. Augustus Steimle, D.D.

L. D. REED, *Chairman*.

XI. The Kropp Commission:—Rev. Theodore E. Schmauk, D.D., LL.D., Rev. C. Reinhold Tappert, Rev. H. F. A. Helwege, Rev. Emil C. J. Kraeling, Rev. Gottlieb C. Berkemeier, D.D., Rev. Prof. Henry Offerman, D.D., Rev. H. D. E. Siebott, Rev. E. Hoffmann, D.D., Rev. Gustave A. Benze, D.D., Rev. A. B. Mohldenke, Ph.D., Rev. Prof. C. Theodore Benze, D.D.

H. PETERS, *Chairman*.

XII. Home Mission Arbitration Commission:—Rev. Wm. D. C. Keiter, D.D., Rev. Harvey A. Weller, Rev. Wm. A. Beates, Rev. Carl J. Petri, D.D., Rev. Lars G. Abrahamson, D.D., Rev. Samuel G. Weiskotten, D.D., Rev. Edwin F. Keever, D.D., Rev. Nathan Melhorn, Rev. Benjamin F. Hoefer, Prof. Claude W. Foss, Ph.D., Hon. Frank M. Riter, George F. Greiner, Esq.

C. E. LINDBERG, *Chairman*.

XIII. Jewish Mission Committee:—Rev. Benjamin F. Hankey, Rev. A. W. Mehrkam, Ph.D., Rev. J. J. Myers, Rev. Frank C. Oberly, Rev. C. B. Schuchard, Rev. Augustus Steimle, D.D., Rev. Thurston O. Keister, D.D., Rev. Morten Parson, W. P. Siebert, D. Dillman, M.D., K. J. F. Wilharm.

T. O. KEISTER, *Chairman*.

Additional nominations:

On the Kropp Commission:—The Rev. Dr. C. T. Benze.

On the Immigrant Mission:—Rev. Dr. G. C. Berkemeier.

On the Slav Mission Board:—Rev. J. O. Schlenker and Rev. C. A. Ritchie.

The hours of 1 to 3 P. M. were set for the election.

The President appointed the following

Committee of Tellers:—Prof. C. W. Foss, Mr. J. A. Helsing, Rev. C. J. Bengston, Rev. I. O. Nothstein, Rev. Prof. P. W. H. Frederick, Rev. F. E. Cooper, Rev. W. F. Bacher, Mr. J. K. Jensen, Rev. P. Altpeter, Rev. C. A. Rockwell, Rev. Dr. P. A. Laury, Mr. Wm. Intemann, Rev. A. M. Mehrkam, Rev. F. C. Oberg, Prof. O. F. H. Bert, Rev. Dr. J. Stump, and Rev. Dr. J. J. Kline.

In the Monday morning session the tellers reported the election of all the regular nominees. (See page 218.)

The hour of 11:45 A. M. was set as the time for receiving invitations for the 1917 Convention.

CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION

The special order for 10 o'clock being the communication from the Augustana Synod, the Rev. Dr. Johnston read the following:
To the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America.

DEAR BRETHREN:—At the meeting of the Augustana Synod in Minneapolis, Minn., in June, 1915, the following resolution was adopted:

“Resolved, That the Augustana Synod respectfully requests the General Council to revise the constitution of said body, so that the Augustana Synod no longer be placed in the relation of a district synod, but be recognized as a general body in order that the General Council may become in both principle and practice a deliberative and advisory body only, so as to facilitate a federation of all Lutheran bodies in our land.”

The president was then authorized to appoint a committee to suggest plans for the General Council's action in this matter.

After careful consideration this committee recommends that the Council be requested to appoint a committee to propose amendments to the constitution of the Council and to report to the next meeting of the Council.

Pursuant to this recommendation, I would therefore respectfully request that such a committee be now appointed.

Respectfully,

L. A. JOHNSTON, *Pres. Augustana Synod.*

After a brief discussion the Resolution to appoint a Committee to propose Amendments to the Constitution, and report at the next Convention was unanimously adopted.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Ranseen, it was

Resolved, That the President of the General Council be Chairman of the Committee on Constitutional Revision.

The President appointed the following

Committee on Constitutional Revision:—Rev. T. E. Schmauk, D.D., LL.D., Chairman; Rev. L. A. Johnston, D.D., Rev. M. C. Ranseen, D.D., Rev. J. A. W. Haas, D.D., LL.D., Rev. L. G. Abrahamson, D.D., Rev. H. E. Jacobs, D.D., LL.D., Rev. G. A. Brandelle, D.D., Rev. C. J. Petri, D.D., Rev. E. F. Keever, D.D., Andrew G. Anderson, K. T. Anderson, Rev. F. F. Fry, D.D., W. H. Hager, Rev. E. C. J. Kraeling, Rev. G. W. Mechling, D.D., Rev. G. F. Gehr, Rev. Fritz Jacobson, Ph.D., Rev. G. C. Berke-meier, D.D., E. Aug. Miller, Esq., Rev. Prof. O. J. Johnson, Rev. W. K. Frick, D.D., Grant Hultberg, Rev. Emil Hoffmann, D.D., H. M. M. Richards, Litt.D., Rev. W. D. C. Keiter, D.D., Rev. W. E. Frey, Rev. J. F. Ohl, Mus.D., Rev. A. C. Anda, Rev. L. D. Reed, D.D., Rev. H. Peters, D.D., G. F. Greiner, Esq., Rev. Geo. C. F. Haas, D.D., G. E. Schlegelmilch, Esq.

On motion of Dr. Kunzmann, it was

Resolved, That we approve of the committee so appointed.

On motion of G. E. Schlegelmilch, Esq., it was

Resolved, That the General Council recognizes with grateful appreciation the wisdom and Christian forbearance with which the Augustana Synod has met and solved a difficult situation; and that the officers of the General Council take the proper steps to transmit this resolution, with fraternal greetings, to the Augustana Synod.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Haas, it was

Resolved, That the Executive Committee be instructed to confer with the Boards and Committees, and so to arrange the work of the next Convention that the great questions, problems, and causes of the Church shall predominate, and that minor business transactions be referred to Committee sessions.

The Rev. Dr. Andreen presented the

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON QUADRI-CENTENNIAL OF THE LUTHERAN CHURCH

The instructions to the Committee occur on page 22 of the Minutes of the Toledo Convention of the General Council, and consist of seven items. The roll of the Committee follows on page 23.

Item 1 of the instructions directs co-operation with other Lutheran General Bodies. Pursuant to this, the President of the General Council conferred in August, 1914, with Dr. V. G. A. Tressler of the General Synod and with Dr. Jas. A. Morehead of the United Synod of the South, with the result that a joint meeting of the committees of these three Bodies assembled at Atlantic City on September 1st. A temporary organization was there effected, and a tentative series of sub-committees appointed as follows: Executive, Finance, Public Meetings, Literature and Publicity. The Joint Committee instructed its Executive section, consisting of Drs. Schmauk, Morehead and Tressler to ascertain the sentiment of other Lutheran Bodies as to co-operation in the celebration of 1917. The Committee then adjourned to meet at Pittsburgh January 29th.

The second meeting was held in the First Church, Pittsburgh, January 29th and 30th. In addition to the representatives of the three General Bodies present at Atlantic City, Rev. F. Richter, D.D., of the Iowa Synod attended, and Dr. C. H. L. Schuette of the Joint Synod of Ohio was present in an unofficial capacity. He was given voice and vote in the deliberations of the Committee.

Reports were received from the Committees appointed at Atlantic City, outlines of which follow. The temporary organization was made permanent, but the Executive Committee was enlarged to include the chairman of each General Body co-operating, together with the heads of committees, and Mr. John L. Zimmerman, chosen as Treasurer. The following constitute the Executive Committee.

Rev. T. E. Schmauk, D.D., G. C.

Rev. J. A. Morehead, D.D., U. S. of So.

Rev. V. G. A. Tressler, D.D., G. S.

Rev. F. Richter, D.D., Iowa S.

Rev. S. W. Herman, G. S.

Rev. Nathan R. Melhorn, G. C.

Mr. E. Clarence Miller, G. C.

Mr. John L. Zimmerman, G. S.

Rev. C. H. L. Schuette, D.D., J. S. of O.

or other representative of the Joint Synod of Ohio.

A third meeting was held in Philadelphia on May 10th, in which the reports of the Committees were further considered.

It has been evident that the Committee considers the ideal plan of celebration for the year 1917 to be that one which involves the largest measure of sincere co-operation among the Lutherans of America. Almost one-tenth of the Protestant communicants of our country bear the

Lutheran name. The tradition of our Church is initiatory and to varying degrees causative of ecclesiastical and civil liberty. Suitable activity among the Lutherans will undoubtedly affect all types of denominational attachment, and properly directed, will reinvigorate many phases of Christian loyalty, which have weakened under religious indifferentism and the attrition of worldliness.

The celebration by all branches of our Church will undoubtedly be contemporary. The question is as to the degree to which it can be made co-ordinate and co-operative. Very large obstacles must be overcome, if there is general agreement of plan and effectiveness of administration. However, the results to be obtained by co-ordination and co-operation will so far surpass individual operations as to merit both the work involved and the adjustments needed to apply a unit plan to the varying conditions in our Church in this country. If the plans submitted are approved by the General Council, it must be with the clear understanding that all the constituent Synods will be urged by their delegations to support the Committee, that they are to recommend its proposals to their congregations, and that Boards and Committees co-operate with those whom the Council charges with the arrangement and administration of the joint celebration.

The plans of the Joint Committee can best be understood by presenting a synopsis of the reports of its sub-committees.

(A) THE FINANCE COMMITTEE. Mr. E. Clarence Miller, Chairman.

Part One. To provide money to be used in administering the plan of an Inter-Synodical celebration of the Lutheran Quadricentennial.

(a) The Committee undertakes to raise a Guarantee Fund of not less than \$25,000.00 which is to be supplied by subscriptions of \$100 each. It is proposed that \$25.00 of each subscription shall be called at the time of the subscription, and the balance only as, and if needed.

(b) The Fund is to be used for the payment of indebtedness in connection with the 400th anniversary celebration, but no payments will be made or indebtedness borne unless the same shall be specifically authorized by the Finance Committee.

(c) The Committee approves of the establishment of a Central Office, and the appointment of an able administrator to organize and put into operation the forces necessary to make the celebration and celebrations entirely successful.

(d) The Committee recommends that the direct expense incurred in all local celebrations, be borne by the various congregations participating, and that the raising of the necessary funds be committed to competent laymen appointed for that purpose.

Part Second. The Finance Committee recommends that each General Body engaged in the celebration of 1917, undertake the raising of a "Jubilee Fund," and suggests that the sum of \$10,000,000.00 is not too large an amount for the total needs of education, missions, ministerial pensions, and other purposes for which the income from invested capital is greatly needed.

(B) THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC MEETINGS. Rev. S. W. Herman, Chairman.

The Program and Publicity Committee is preparing its work through four sub-committees.

1st. Designation of Places.

This Committee has scheduled every village, town, and city, where there are two or more Lutheran Churches with a view of facilitating conjoint meetings. It also looks forward to the arrangement for county, state and national meetings. All this material is in hand, available for the Executive Secretary.

2nd. Program.

This Committee has outlined a program with suggested music (orchestral, instrumental, and vocal), addresses, etc. In its complete form, it can be used by our colleges, seminaries and public meetings. Our aim has been as much uniformity and dignity as possible, combined with a certain flexibility and solidity. This program is in hand to be recommended to our General Committee for printing in large quantities and furnished either free or at actual cost to all desirous of using it.

3rd. Lectures.

The Committee has submitted a list of 17 lectures, covering pre-Reformation, Reformation and post-Reformation subjects. To these have been added several illustrated and special lectures. This Committee has been authorized to select capable men to whom these themes are to be assigned. The lectures are to be printed and distributed from the executive office to all who may apply.

A list of lecturers will also be arranged for, so that those desiring this service, may be supplied with approved men.

4th. Sermonic Material.

[This Committee has prepared a series of themes and texts, for the entire Church Year, beginning Advent 1916, based upon the Symbolical Books and following closely the content of the Gospel and Epistle lesson for the day. During the latter part of the year, the themes will be historical, dealing with phases of the life of Luther most appropriate for pulpit presentation.

The Committee is at present considering the advisability of suggesting a series of Evangelistic meetings and themes, to be conducted and presented in the Lutheran method and spirit. There will be suggestive outlines and material available. It is also planned to appoint a list of gifted sermonic writers to prepare sermons according to the above plan, which sermons may be issued as a memorial volume.] Recommended.

(C) COMMITTEE ON LITERATURE AND PUBLICITY. Rev. Nathan R. Melhorn, Chairman.

The plans of this Committee aim to stimulate the production of reading matter connected with the celebration of the Reformation by means of organization into four departments.

Group One.

To supply items for the secular papers and magazines, partly by arrangement with the Associated Press, and also by urging each congregation through its pastor or other interested persons to use the Press for the spread of pertinent reading matter.

Group Two.

To keep in touch with the issues of the religious Press, so that the influence and principles of the Church are widely distributed to readers of church papers and magazines.

Group Three.

To enter into arrangements with Church Boards, Synods and Ecclesiastical Societies for the production and distribution of tracts, booklets and "occasional literature," the Committee endeavoring both to provide treatment in brief form of suitable topics and also to avoid re-duplication among the various sections of the Church.

Group Four.

To arrange for the issuance of a Quadricentennial set of books, the contents of which are to deal with Lutheranism in a broad way.

Until further action by the General Council and at least one more meeting of the Joint Committee, the Sub-committee on Literature and Publicity can only outline its scheme of operation. Circumstances will determine the degree to which this or a revised plan can be realized. It is even probable that the celebration will see the beginning rather than the completion of a series of publications which will express in book form the meaning and influence of the Reformation of the 16th Century.

The following resolutions are recommended for adoption by the General Council:

First.—The appointment of a Committee of at least 15 clergymen and laymen to formulate plans and direct the application of the same in the celebration of the Quadricentennial.

Second.—The authorization of this Committee to act conjointly with similarly authorized Committees of other General Bodies.

Third.—The approval of the plans offered in reports herein presented, with the privilege of such modifications as their practical application may require;

A. Finance. B. Programs and Public Meetings. C. Literature and Publicity.

Fourth.—Authorization of the Joint Committee to enter into correspondence with Boards, Editorial Staffs and Synodical Committees in order that such reciprocal relations may be established, as will most efficiently promote the carrying out of the plans of celebration.

GUSTAV ANDREEN, *Chairman.*

After the adoption of the First and Second Recommendations and the Financial part of the Third, the item concerning Programs and Public Meetings was adopted, excepting fourth Sermonic Material, which was recommitted and at the afternoon Session the item concerning Literature and Publicity was adopted after the suggested "arrangement of titles" for Quadri-Centennial books was withdrawn. The report as a whole was then adopted, as given above.

On motion of Dr. Haas, it was

Resolved, That we recognize and approve the general work of the Committee, and urge them to put their plans into operation as speedily as possible.

PLACE OF THE NEXT MEETING

Invitations were presented as follows:

1. To meet in Philadelphia,—by the Pennsylvania Ministerium's Delegation, supported by the pastor and people of St. Michael's and Zion's congregation, Philadelphia.
2. To meet in Chicago,—by Wicker Park Church, supported by the Chicago Synodical Pastoral Association.

The following action was taken respectively by the Ministerium of Pennsylvania and Zion Congregation, Philadelphia:

"Resolved, That the Ministerium instruct its delegation to the meeting of the General Council, in Rock Island, Ill., formally and most cordially to invite the General Council to hold its 1917 Convention in Philadelphia, and that its plans be laid for a celebration worthy of the Quadri-Centennial of the mightiest movement of modern times for the welfare of the individual and the State and the Church."

W. L. STOUGH, *English Sec., Min. of Pa.*

1. At a congregational meeting of St. Michael and Zion's German Lutheran Church of Philadelphia, Pa., on June 1, 1915, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

"WHEREAS, The Ministerium of Pennsylvania at its meeting in Philadelphia this year instructed its delegation to the General Council to extend an invitation to the General Council to meet in the City of Philadelphia for the Jubilee Convention in the year 1917,

"AND WHEREAS, Coincident with the 400th Anniversary of the birth of the Lutheran Church in Germany, this same year 1917 will bring to the Lutheran Church of America, and to this, the first congregation of

our Church in this country, the 175th Anniversary of their own birth and beginning, when Heinrich Melchior Mühlenberg first set foot upon American soil, September 24, 1742, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the pastor, vestry-men and people of St. Michael's and Zion's German Lutheran Congregation hereby extend a respectful and cordial invitation to the General Council at its meeting in Rock Island, Ill., to hold the Jubilee Convention of 1917 in this historic church, the cradle of American Lutheranism."

Fritz O. Evers, *Pastor*.

The following action was taken by the Chicago Synodical Pastoral Association:

"WHEREAS, The year 1917 marks the Four Hundredth anniversary of the Protestant Reformation, and whereas this celebration will be most vital to the interests of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, and whereas Chicago is the largest Lutheran center in the United States, most centrally located and accessible, and whereas the Lutheran Church in Chicago includes nearly all of the various general Lutheran bodies and synods in the United States, and would thus make it possible for a larger number of said bodies and synods to meet simultaneously in this city, and whereas the General Synod has decided to hold its 1917 convention in Chicago, therefore be it

Resolved, That we, the Chicago Synodical Pastoral Association, as representatives of our various churches in the city, join with the Wicker Park Church in extending a hearty and urgent invitation to the General Council to hold the convention of 1917 in Chicago, and that efforts be made to have as many of the General bodies as possible meet simultaneously in Chicago.

The President appointed as *Tellers*: Revs. H. D. Spaeth, D.D., A. C. Schenk, T. S. Conrad and J. B. Oakleaf, Esq.

Of 185 votes cast, 69 were for Chicago, and 116 for Philadelphia. The vote was made unanimous, by which the 36th Convention and the Semi-Centennial of the General Council will be held in Zion German Lutheran Church, Philadelphia, Pa., in connection with which will be celebrated the Quadri-Centennial of the Reformation.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Kretschmann, it was

Resolved, That the General Council expresses its sincere thanks and heartfelt appreciation to the Chicago Synod for its hearty invitation to hold the meeting of 1917 in Chicago.

On motion of Mr. Hager, it was

Resolved, That the question of holding a second Reformation Festival Celebration in Chicago be referred to the Quadri-centennial Committee with power to act.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Schmauk, it was

Resolved, That the General Council appoint and empower a Committee of Ten to meet with the General Synod, and represent the General Council in any joint meeting that can be held with the General Synod and its representatives at Chicago, said joint meeting to be for deliberation and for the recommendation of action, by the joint meeting, if the action be unanimous, to both Bodies.

On motion, and by a rising vote, it was

Resolved, That the General Council extends to the venerable Prof. Nils Forsander its heartiest well-wishes and congratulations on this his sixty-ninth birthday anniversary.

At 12:45 noon, the Council adjourned, with the use of the Lord's Prayer.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Saturday, September 11, 2:30 P. M.

The Fifth Session was opened with devotional service, conducted by the Rev. Theodore W. Kretschmann, Ph.D., of Philadelphia.

The Minutes of the Saturday Morning Session were read and approved.

The consideration of the Quadri-Centennial Report was concluded. See the morning session.

The report on Part III of the President's Report was adopted. See Thursday afternoon session.

RECEPTION OF OFFICIAL VISITORS

The Council then listened to addresses by the Rev. Prof. L. H. Larimer, D.D., of Wittenberg Theological Seminary, representing the General Synod; the Rev. R. L. Fritz, D.D., of Lenoir College, Hickory, N. C., representing the United Synod of the South; the Rev. Frederick Richter, D.D., President of the German Synod of Iowa, and the Rev. W. C. Wolfsdorf, President of the Old German Texas Synod, to each of which President Schmauk made felicitous response.

Mr. W. H. Hager presented the

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON JUBILEE FUND

Your Committee on Jubilee Fund desires to submit the following report:

It will be recalled that, at the 34th Convention of the General Council, held at Toledo, September, 1913, we reported the following results among the various Synods: Plan approved by 8 Synods; Action unknown, but approval indicated, by 4 Synods; unfavorable action, 1 Synod.

Referring to the declination of one Synod—Augustana—a resolution was passed urging their reconsideration of the matter (this resolution was to have been presented personally to their Synod, but this was not done).

Certain definite action was also taken in response to recommendations of the President of the General Council, covering the appointment of a representative committee to co-operate with committees from other Bodies,

in the arrangement of an adequate celebration of the 400th anniversary of the Reformation, and this action also referred as follows: To the Jubilee Fund Committee (Quadri-Centennial, page 22, Item B, Minutes General Council, 34th Convention, 1913).

"We express our appreciation of the efforts of our Jubilee Fund Committee, and that we refer to the Joint General Committee on the Quadri-Centennial with our approval, the expansion of the Jubilee Fund suggested by the President, namely, that a large Jubilee Fund be raised for the work of the Church, the sum total to be agreed upon, if possible, by all Lutheran Bodies, but the participating amount to be raised by the separate, general and independent Bodies, to be distributed by the Bodies that raised the amount."

We also refer to the fact that, in 1912 the Ministerium of Pennsylvania started a campaign for a half-million dollar Educational Fund, to be completed by June, 1914, but due to uncontrollable causes, this movement is only *now* on the way to successful conclusion.

After a careful and thorough review in the light of past and present conditions, of the Jubilee Fund Plan and its details, your committee feels constrained to advise the abandonment of the original plan, and presents the following stated recommendations:

First. That, as a fitting thank offering for the Quadri-Centennial Celebration, there should be raised a Jubilee Fund by the several Mission, Church Extension and Educational Boards of the General Council.

Second. That said Jubilee Fund movement shall be co-operative to avoid all hurtful competition, and include all the Boards of the General Council desiring to take part.

Third. That the Boards joining in this Jubilee Fund movement shall submit details of all plans for the approval of the Jubilee Fund Committee.

Fourth. That Synods be requested, where possible, to omit special efforts during the biennium.

Fifth. That the entire offerings of every congregation of the General Council, made on Reformation Sunday, October, 1917, be given to the General Council to constitute a Memorial Fund, to commemorate the 400th anniversary of the foundation of Protestantism and of the Lutheran Church, and the 50th anniversary of the General Council.

Sixth. That the funds so raised be totaled along with any other like financial movements by the other separate, independent and general Bodies, and that the sum total so raised be designated as the Jubilee Fund of the Quadri-Centennial Celebration of the Reformation.

Seventh. That the Jubilee Fund Committee as now constituted also be continued as an advisory board, and are hereby authorized to co-operate with the General Committee on the Quadri-Centennial. (As indicated in the Quadri-Centennial, page 22, Item B, Minutes General Council, 34th Convention, 1913.)

The Report with its Recommendations—the Fourth amended as above—was adopted.

The Finance and Budget Committee Report was made the first Special Order for Monday.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the expenses of the Nova Scotia delegates be paid.

Adjourned with the use of the Lord's Prayer.

MONDAY MORNING SESSION

Monday, September 13, 1915, 9 A. M.

The Sixth Session was opened with devotional services conducted by Rev. Prof. Carl J. Södergren, of Augustana Theological Seminary.

The Minutes of the Fifth Session were read and approved.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That permission be given to the Rev. Dr. Telleen to present the cause of missions among the Mohammedans.

The Rev. Dr. Telleen then addressed the Council.

The English Recording Secretary read a fraternal letter signed by Rev. B. B. Jonsson, President of the Icelandic Lutheran Synod, and was instructed to make fitting reply.

DEAR BROTHER:—At a meeting of the Ministerial Association of the Icelandic Lutheran Synod, held at Riverton, Manitoba, Aug. 31st, 1915, a resolution was passed authorizing me to convey to the General Council the fraternal greetings of the Ministerium. It gives me pleasure to do so by this letter.

The ministers of the Icelandic Lutheran Synod thank God for the great work that is being done in the General Council for the cause of Christ. Many of our pastors are, through the Chicago Seminary, bound to the brethren in the General Council by bonds of fellowship. Although the Icelandic Synod is not organically united with the General Council, we feel a spiritual kinship to it, and we have for it naught save respect and love.

The Lord continues to bless our little Synod. Our school is now established in the city of Winnipeg. Our Old Folks' Home is founded at Gimli, Manitoba. We have just completed our new Church Book and Hymnal. Our man for the foreign field will be ready next spring and will, it is expected, work in connection with your Foreign Mission Board.

May the Lord bless the convention of the General Council at Rock Island and sanctify it by His Holy Spirit.

Fraternally,

B. B. JONSSON, *Pres. Icel. Luth. Synod.*

Mr. W. H. Hager presented, in two parts, the Financial Report, which in its amended form was adopted as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND BUDGET

Your Committee on Finance and Budget submits following report divided into Section 1—Finance, and Section 2—Budget.

SECTION 1—*Finance*: From the figures submitted to our Committee by your Treasurer covering receipts and payments to July 19, 1915 (approximately) we present the following brief analysis of our finances.

Total Receipts to above stated date for the Biennium 1913-1915 aggregate \$5,739.01 as against receipts for 1911-1913 Biennium of \$5,189.00. Note that \$500.00 of this total \$5,739.01 covers a deferred payment of the Pittsburgh Synod for Biennium 1911-1913, also \$327.00 additional covers interest, receipts, etc., finally showing net total receipts of \$4,912.00 against the apportionment of 1913-1915 Biennium of \$8,000.00 as against receipts for the 1911-1913 Biennium of \$4,779.00, with an apportionment of \$5 000.00.

Expenditures to above stated date aggregate \$3,194.00 against \$3,390.00 for Biennium of 1911-13, showing a decrease of \$196.00. This decrease in expenditures is accounted for by an item not in past Biennium, of about \$400.00 (expense of Arbitration commission previous Biennium) and the fact that certain economies were practiced by Bodies entitled to draw appropriations, and we state these facts as there will undoubtedly be a heavier expenditure necessary the coming Biennium, because of the Quadri-Centennial committee (these expenses have only been \$106.00 to date) and certain other legitimate demands which may be made upon our treasury.

Balance to above date is \$6,803.00 over against balance of \$4,258.00 for previous Biennium—an increase of \$2,545.00. This increase is substantial, but it must be noted that this balance would be \$3,088.00 *more, providing* the Synods had met their full apportionments. But five of the Synods have met their obligation to the General Council Treasury and although the per cent. increase (60%) over the previous Biennium seems heavy, this increase figured in dollars is not large, and should not prove a heavy burden for any of the Synods. We therefore express the hope that every Synod in arrearage for the Biennium 1913-1915 will pay same in the near future, and that each Synod will make every effort to pay in full its apportionment for the coming Biennium. Synodical Treasurers should especially note that the General Council Minutes show the apportionments distinctly stated—for each year of Biennium. It must be explained that through an unexplainable error of your Committee, apportionments for the Pittsburgh Synod and District Synod of Ohio were reversed—giving the latter an excess charge of about \$384.00, and the former about \$384.00 too little. The Synod of Ohio therefore met their apportionment in full (if correctly figured) and the Pittsburgh Synod of course cannot fairly be charged with any failure—and we leave it to their sense of fairness whether they should pay the shortage of \$384.00 (due to our error) and at the same time, we commend their meeting the deferred payment to the General Council Treasury of \$500.00 on their 1911-13 apportionment.

A careful reading of the Treasurer's report covering the finance of the General Council is urged upon the delegates, so that they may recognize the necessity of a reasonable apportionment to meet the expenses of

its officers, boards and committees, and the desirability as well, of a good balance to meet unexpected emergencies.

Again, during the past Biennium, an exceedingly small sum has been asked for clerical assistance to your officers, and your Committee will continue to urge them to accept more adequate aid along these lines.

Referring to the following resolution adopted by the General Council at its 34th Convention at Toledo (General Council Minutes, Page 189, recommendations Finance and Budget Committee), viz, "that it endorses and recommends for adoption by Synods, Conferences and Congregations, the sound business principle that all apportionments should be considered a business, moral and Christian obligation and be duly met in full," we must earnestly urge that the acceptance of this principle and its practice, will not only show an awakened conscience in church finances, but will open a new era of progress and development in all lines of Church work.

We offer the following recommendations:

First. That the apportionment to the General Council Treasury be fixed at \$8,000.00 for the biennium according to the ratio of synodical apportionment for the past biennium.

Second. That an appropriation of \$250.00 for necessary expenses of the President's office, and \$250.00 for the necessary expenses of the Secretary's office, be made.

Third. That an appropriation from the General Council Treasury of \$1,000.00 for the Board of Education to cover the necessary expenses of their work be made.

Fourth. That an appropriation be made for meetings of the Executive Committee of the General Council and Presidents of Synods.

Fifth. That an appropriation of \$1,000.00 be made for meetings of the presidents of all Boards and chairmen of standing committees, with the officers of the General Council.

Sixth. That the expenses of the Committee on Constitutional Revision be borne by the Treasury of the General Council.

Seventh. That an appropriation be made to the Inner Mission Committee to defray their necessary expenses.

SECTION 2—*Budget*: In pursuance of resolution No. 7 (see General Council Minutes, 34th Convention, Toledo, Page 189) "that all Boards and Committees of the General Council be required to submit not later than July 1st of the year of the Convention, their requests for apportionment, the same to be prepared in detail," we must state that this resolution was evidently overlooked by the officers of the several Boards. Upon request of your Chairman, certain of the Boards responded promptly, but others did not submit their reports at all, or too late to forward and be printed in the General Council bulletin. We therefore request

for the future, careful observance of this resolution for the sake of an advance and orderly presentation of the apportionments desired. We have tabulated for the benefit of Presidents of Synods and delegates as well, the receipts on 1913-15 apportionment and apportionments requested for 1915-17 (excepting those Boards failing to send report, and here have used figures of previous Biennium) also the receipts and apportionments for previous Biennium. This for comparison's sake, and to give a comprehensive idea of the matter. We present these figures without special comment, as they will be considered at a later meeting of our Committee with the presidents of Synods and officers of the various Boards. However, the deficits in most of the Synodical apportionments to the various Boards, are severe and deplorable, and it is a grave question—how to cover these deficits. Quoting from one Treasurer, "Our Board is constantly hampered by lack of funds, and several times during the Biennium, the faithful missionaries in our field have been obliged to wait 5 or 6 weeks for their meagre allowance, and their pleas for an increase, though well deserved and sorely needed, had to be ignored by the Board." This is but one example.

Other Boards are compelled to borrow money and pile up a debt because their apportionments are not met promptly, nor in full. Note these few percentages of deficits: Foreign Missions, about 23½ per cent.; English Home Missions, about 34 per cent.; German Home Missions, about 52 9-10 per cent.; Jewish Missions, about 50 per cent.; Student University work, about 53 per cent.

We are convinced that this kind of financing should stop. If the several Synods accept their apportionments, they should be met, even though they are compelled to borrow the moneys to meet their obligations, or if unable, they should request and receive a reduced apportionment.

Let us use our utmost endeavor from this time forward, to finance the larger operations of our Lutheran Church along sound business methods.

We offer the following recommendations:

First. That the statistician of the General Council inaugurate the work of his office at as early a date as possible and present his recommendations at the next meeting of the General Council.

Second. That all of the Synods of the General Council prepare an efficient plan and urge its adoption by all of their congregations so that they may install the duplex envelope system and make a yearly every-member canvass.

Also, in connection with this, to present fully the needs of the Boards of the General Council.

Third. That the Treasurer of the General Council be instructed to close his books July 1 of the biennium.

Fourth. We renew our recommendation that all Boards and Committees of the General Council be required to submit not later than July 15th

of the year of the convention, their requests for apportionments, the same to be prepared in detail, and that the Chairman of Finance Committee is instructed to notify the Boards early in the year of the convention.

Fifth. That in view of the following declaration, passed at the Toledo meeting of the General Council, "that the sound business principle that all apportionments regularly adopted by the General Council and its Synods, shall be considered a business, moral and Christian obligation and be duly met in full," and because of the fact that a number of the apportionments to the various synods have fallen far short this past biennium, your committee has decided not to accept any recommendations for an increase in apportionments, except where synods have already agreed to raise, but rather urge on each Synod the great importance of paying the full amount of its apportionment during the coming biennium, in view of the fact that the majority of the boards of the General Council are under a severe handicap in meeting their necessary expenses, due to the shortage in the payment of their apportionments.

Sixth. We further recommend to the several Boards of the General Council, acting jointly, the advisability, in our judgment, of employing not less than two financial secretaries, who shall devote all of their time in an organized effort to present to the congregations a definite method of raising their apportionments in full. The above plan to be carried on and worked out with the co-operation of those Synods which approve and accept it.

WILLIAM H. HAGER.

Chairman Finance and Budget Committee.

GENERAL COUNCIL APPORTIONMENTS FOR THE BIENNIUM

General Council Apportionments	Foreign Missions	English Home Missions	German Home Missions	Porto Rico Missions	Slav Missions	Jewish Missions	Kropp Commission	Students Univ. Work	Gen. Council Treasury
1 Pa. Ministerium..	\$ 56,000	\$ 80,000	\$25,200	\$ 9,672	\$16,800	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,000	\$2,240
2 N. Y. Ministerium	13,800	2,000	13,000	3,332	3,400	300	2,000	800	800
3 Pittsburgh Synod.	15,200	30,000	4,200	4,000	5,400	2,500	350	1,200	800
4 Dis. Synod of Ohio	5,800	12,000	500	2,668	1,500	300	125	800	416
5 Augustana Synod..	50,000	.....	.....	10,000	500	300	.....	2,000	2,080
6 Canada Synod....	5,800	.....	4,500	.....	500	50	800	.....	128
7 Chicago Synod....	3,200	8,000	270	2,000	700	300	50	800	320
8 Synod of N. W....	5,600	7,000	270	1,668	700	300	50	1,000	320
9 Manitoba Synod..	800	.....	1,000	.....	80	50	125	50	64
10 Pacific Synod....	1,200	1,200	450	164	120	25	.....	50	64
11 N.Y. & N.E.Synod	17,000	14,500	500	2,336	3,400	300	.....	.....	736
12 Nova Scotia Synod	1,000	2,500	50	84	100	50	50	50	32
13 Cen. Can. Synod..	600	1,600	60	76	200	25	50	50	.....
Other.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total for Bien'm	\$176,000	\$158,800	\$50,000	\$36,000	\$33,400	\$ 7,000	\$ 6,100	\$ 8,800	\$8,000

WM. H. HAGER, Chairman.

At the Monday afternoon Session, the report was considered finally.

On motion of Mr. G. E. Schlegelmilch, it was

Resolved, That the German Home Mission Board apportionment be raised to \$25,000, of which \$3,000 a year be devoted to Saskatoon College.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. E. P. Olson, it was

Resolved, That the Augustana Synod's apportionment for Foreign Missions be set at \$50,000 for the biennium.

On motion of the Rev. C. E. Cessander, it was

Resolved, That the Augustana Synod's apportionment for Slav Missions be reduced from \$2,000 to \$500.

Under Item 6, it was, on motion of the Rev. Mr. Elving,

Resolved, That these questions be referred to the Synods that are directly interested.

With these changes and provisions, and other changes made by the committee in the tables, the report, with its recommendations, was adopted in the form given above.

On motion of the Rev. Peter Peterson, it was

Resolved, That each Synod be requested to adopt this apportionment.

On motion of Mr. G. E. Schlegelmilch, it was

Resolved, That the expenses of the Committee on the Revision of the Constitution be assumed by the General Council, and that the President be authorized to sign an order therefor; also that \$400 be appropriated for the work of the Inner Mission Committee.

The several groups of Tellers reported the election of twelve Boards and Committees, and the Secretary was instructed to cast the ballot for the members of the Swedish Home Mission Board. The names are arranged according to the votes received.

REPORT OF THE TELLERS

I. TRUSTEES OF GENERAL COUNCIL—Rev. Theodore E. Schmauk, D.D., LL.D., Wm. H. Hager, E. Augustus Miller, Esq., Rev. Henry Offermann, D.D., Hon. William H. Staake, Prof. Samuel P. Sadtler, Ph.D., LL.D., Pres. Elmer F. Krauss, D.D., Rev. Edward R. Ritter, Louis M. Nelson.

II. BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS—*For Four Years*—Robert E. Gaskell, New York; Matthias March, Norristown; Rev. John A. Weyl, Ph.D.;

A. Raymond Bard, Reading; Henry Boyer, M.D., Philadelphia; Rev. Wm. E. Frey, Rev. L. G. Abrahamson, D.D., Rev. Fritz Jacobson, Ph.D.

For Unexpired Term—Rev. C. Theodore Benze, D.D.

III. ENGLISH HOME MISSIONS—E. Augustus Miller, Esq., Frank D. Bittner, John B. Francke, Wm. H. Hager, Henry F. Mollenhauer, Rev. Geo. W. Sandt, D.D., Rev. John E. Whitteker, D.D.

IV. GERMAN HOME MISSION BOARD—George Anger, Rev. Gustave A. Benze, D.D., Rev. Emil J. Hoffman, D.D., Rev. Philip Kirchner, Frederick Kracke, Rev. Emil J. Kraeling, Rev. John J. Kuendig, D.D., Adam Leib, Ernest G. Munke, John A. Prigge, Rev. H. D. E. Siebott, Rev. C. Reinhold Tappert, Martin Wulff, Rev. Dr. Gottlieb C. Berkemeier, Rev. H. E. Schmieder.

V. SWEDISH HOME MISSIONS—(Ballot cast by Eng. Sec'y) Unanimous—Rev. Lawrence A. Johnston, D.D., Rev. Gustaf A. Brandelle, D.D., Rev. Carl A. Blomgren, Ph.D., Andrew Peterson, Rev. J. E. Rydbäck, O. P. Olson, Rev. P. J. Brodine, D.D., Prof. Claude W. Foss, Ph.D., Rev. N. J. Forsberg, C. A. Larson.

VI. PORTO RICO MISSION BOARD—Rev. Morton Parson, Rev. J. A. Bernhard, Chas. W. Fuhr, James Gear, Rev. Benj. F. Hankey, William Steinmeyer, J. B. Kaercher, Rev. Dr. Thurston O. Keister, Joseph S. Seaman, Rev. C. O. Thunberg, Rev. Edmund Belfour, D.D., John Shoemaker.

VII. SLAV MISSION BOARD—Rev. Geo. Gebert, D.D., Rev. A. D. Dianiska, Rev. G. H. Tappert, Rev. J. O. Glenn, Rev. Frank E. Jensen, Henry Jaegels.

VIII. IMMIGRANT MISSION BOARD—Rev. George C. F. Haas, D.D., Frederick Kracke, Otto Lindemann, Rev. Daniel W. Peterson, Rev. John J. Heischmann, D.D., Martin Wulff, Peter Doerr, Rev. Fritz Evers, Rev. Herman J. Kraeling, Rev. Jacob W. Loch, Rev. Frederick Sutter, Rev. John A. Weyl, Rev. Allen L. Benner, Rev. A. D. Dianiska, Charles Bruening.

IX. BOARD OF PUBLICATION—E. Clarence Miller, Esq., James G. Finley, Charles B. Opp, Rev. Charles J. Cooper, D.D., Rev. Dr. Samuel Ziegenfuss.

X. BOARD OF EDUCATION—*To fill terms expiring 1917*—Pres. Elmer F. Krauss, D.D., Rev. Augustus Steimle, D.D. (Regular) Rev. Prof. C. E. Lindberg, D.D., LL.D., Pres. Dr. G. A. Andreen, Ph.D., Rev. Wm. E. Frey, Pres. J. A. W. Haas, D.D., LL.D., Rev. Frederick A. Kaehler, D.D., Rev. Prof. J. A. W. Kirsch, Rev. Dr. E. F. Keever, Rev. Frank C. Oberly.

XI. THE KROPP COMMISSION—Rev. Theodore E. Schmauk, D.D., LL.D., Rev. C. Reinhold Tappert, Rev. G. C. Berkemeier, D.D., Rev. C. Theo. Benze, D.D., Rev. H. F. A. Helwege, Rev. Emil Hoffmann, D.D., Rev. Emil C. J. Kraeling, Rev. A. B. Mohldenke, Ph.D., Rev. Prof. Henry Offermann, D.D., Rev. H. D. E. Siebott, Rev. Gustave A. Benze, D.D.

XII. ARBITRATION COMMISSION—Prof. Claude W. Foss, Ph.D., Rev. Carl J. Petri, D.D., Hon. Frank M. Riter, Rev. Dr. Samuel G. Weis-

kotten, Rev. Nathan Melhorn, Rev. Lars G. Abrahamson, D.D., Rev. William A. Beates, George F. Greiner, Esq., Rev. Benj. F. Hoefer, Rev. Edwin F. Keever, D.D., Rev. Wm. D. C. Keiter, D.D., Rev. Harvey A. Weller.

XIII. JEWISH MISSION COMMITTEE—Rev. A. W. Mehrkam, Ph.D., Rev. Morten Parson, D. Dillman, M.D., Rev. Benj. F. Hankey, Rev. Dr. Thurston O. Keister, Rev. J. J. Myers, Rev. Augustus Steimle, D.D., Rev. Frank C. Oberly, Rev. C. B. Schuchard, W. P. Siebert, K. J. F. Wilharm.

The Report was accepted and adopted.

The Committee on the Reception of the Texas Synod reported and the Report was recommitted and made the special order for 2 P. M.

The Auditors of the Treasurer's Report reported. See Thursday afternoon's Session.

On motion of Hon. F. M. Riter, it was

Resolved, That the General Council now in session extend its heartiest congratulations to the Rev. Dr. Jacob Fry and wife on this the 60th anniversary of their marriage. Praying that the blessings of God will continue with them, crowning them with health and happiness.

Resolved, That the Secretary telegraph these congratulations to Dr. Fry and wife.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

The report on the admission of the Texas Synod was referred back to the committee to report at 3 P. M.

The Secretary was authorized to cast the vote for the Swedish Home Mission Board.

The auditors of the Treasurer's Report reported. See Thursday afternoon's Session.

The Rev. Dr. Henry Eyster Jacobs introduced to the Council his venerable uncle, the Rev. William F. Eyster, D.D., of Crete, Neb., formerly professor in Augustana College.

The sentiments of the Council were expressed in the following motion, proposed by the Rev. Dr. H. W. Roth:

Resolved, That the General Council heartily welcomes the Rev. William F. Eyster, D.D., rejoices in his presence at this Convention and extends to him the privileges of the floor.

The General Council herewith expresses its gratitude to God that He has granted our venerable Brother the favor of spending so many years of efficient service in the Master's Vineyard and continues to him such measure of health and strength.

The General Council humbly prays for Dr. Eyster, throughout the sunset slope of life, the sweet peace and the loving presence of the Blessed Jesus and when his sun has set, that glorious life which is laid up for him who is faithful unto death.

After the use of the Lord's Prayer, led by the Rev. Dr. Belfour, the Council adjourned to meet at 1:30 P. M.

MONDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

September 13, 1:30 P. M.

The Seventh Session was opened with a devotional service conducted by the Rev. Elmer F. Krauss, D.D., President-elect of the Chicago Theological Seminary.

The Minutes of the Sixth Session were read and adopted.

The Rev. Dr. Whitteker presented the Report on Part III of the President's Report, which was adopted. See Thursday Afternoon Session.

The Budget Report was finally acted on. See Monday Morning Session.

The Rev. Dr. Offermann presented the Report of Committee on Admission of New Synods, which was adopted, admitting the Old German Synod of Texas, and seating its President as delegate.

See Thursday Afternoon Session.

Prof. Samuel P. Sadtler presented the

REPORT OF THE PUBLICATION BOARD

When the official notification of the re-election of the five members whose terms of service had expired, was received from the English Secretary, the Board organized as follows:

President: Prof. Samuel P. Sadtler, Ph.D., LL.D.

Secretary: Rev. Samuel A. Ziegenfuss, D.D.

Treasurer: G. E. Schlegelmilch, Esq.

Executive Committee: Dr. Sadtler, Dr. Ziegenfuss, Dr. Horine, G. E. Schlegelmilch, Esq., and Chas. B. Opp.

Finance Committee: Dr. Sadtler, Mr. Jas. N. Mohr, and Mr. Jas. G. Finley.

During the biennium a vacancy occurred by the resignation of the Rev. J. W. Horine, D.D., to become the Editor of "The Lutheran Church Visitor" and Manager of the Lutheran Board of Publication, Columbia, S. Carolina. This vacancy was filled by the election of the Rev. C. Armand Miller, D.D., both as member of the Board, and of the Executive Committee.

Church Book.—Inasmuch as the action taken at the Convention of the General Council at Toledo, 1913, in which intimation was made that very likely the work upon the Liturgy and Hymnal might be completed by the

time of this meeting of the Council, the sales of the Church Book suffered very perceptibly, particularly in the finer bindings. In accordance with the action taken at the Convention at Minneapolis in 1909, the Board has continued to honor the drafts of the Church Book Committee for its expenses and for the purchase of books for the Liturgical Library at the Philadelphia Seminary. Since December, 1907, the sums thus paid amount to \$2,221.38.

Luther's Catechism.—At the Convention held at Toledo, the Board was authorized to publish a "Trial Edition of the Common Translation of Luther's Catechism," prepared by the Joint Committee. This was not done because of the fact, that at the time the translation was completed an edition of 500 copies was provided of which about fifty copies were sold.

Lutheran Union Book Depository.—The matter of a Union Depository at Chicago is a problem yet to be solved. It has received some consideration on the part of our Board, as well as by the Augustana Book Concern, the Wartburg Publishing House, and the Lutheran Publication Society, but nothing definite has been reached. The General Council publications are handled and kept on sale by the Augustana Book Concern and by the Wartburg Publishing House, both having branches in Chicago.

NEW PUBLICATIONS.

"Lutheran Landmarks and Pioneers in America," a series of sketches of colonial times by Rev. William J. Finck, D.D. This was originally published as a series of articles in *Young Folks* and *Lutheran Young People*, and much of the interest manifested in the series was due to the prominent place given the articles and the many appropriate illustrations used to embellish them. The author spared neither labor nor expense to acquaint himself with the historical documents which are to be found on the subject. The first edition is practically exhausted and the author contemplates adding some new material to the edition to be published very shortly.

"The Telugu Mission of the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America," by Revs. Drach and Kuder. This is an authoritative story of the beginning of Foreign Mission Work in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. The life story of Father Heyer reads with the interest of fiction and has the value of most important history. There is an important Home Mission section in this book, for Father Heyer was a veteran on the Home Field, as well as in the Foreign Work. The story of the founding of both the Guntur and the Rajahmundry Mission is well and accurately told, and the history which has determined the relation of these important twin missions of the American Lutheran Church. The detailed history of the General Council's Mission at Rajahmundry is here fully unfolded in the first published history of this great work of our Church in India. The work is profusely illustrated and published conjointly by the Foreign Mission Board and the Publication Board.

"English Lutheranism in the Northwest," by the Rev. George H. Trabant, D.D. It is a narrative of facts, of personal experience, and of reflection suggested by conditions and circumstances. The aim of the author is to serve the Church by giving an account of what has been done during the nearly one-third of a century since the Lutheran Church has anchored in the Twin Cities of the Northwest, and to stimulate to greater zeal in the future.

The Board has also published a *"Selection of Sermons,"* twenty in all, delivered at various times by the late Rev. Samuel Laird, D.D. To those who knew Dr. Laird as a preacher, a leader, and a man among men, the sermons that appear in this book have an added value. He was well able to write forcibly, and in clear, clean-cut English, as the volume will abundantly testify. He prepared his sermons with care and delivered them with force.

"Works of Martin Luther with Introduction and Notes."—Since the last Convention, Volume I of the Standard English Edition has appeared. The present purpose is to reproduce all that was of great importance in the great work which Luther did; all that is of permanent value and classic in thought and expression on the many subjects dealt with by this many-sided Reformer. Hence this standard set of Luther's writings is composed of selections translated and edited by a group of theologians and pastors who are recognized not only as competent to undertake, but also to carry to a successful conclusion such an important task. Better than shafts of marble, or even memorial buildings, this set of books will be a literary monument of unusual fitness and value. This publication ought to find its way into every Lutheran's library in America. It should be found on every scholar's book shelves and be made available to the public by being placed in every public library in the country. Volume II is in plate form ready for the press.

"The Responsories."—Another publication, bearing the imprint of the Publication Board is that of "The Responsories." This belongs to the series of Service Books edited by Harry G. Archer and Dr. Luther D. Reed. The compositions are the work of Dr. Max Reger, who occupies a most prominent place among the writers of modern German school of Chamber and Church Music.

"Russellism," by the Rev. G. W. Sandt, D.D. This is a telling thirty-two page booklet in which every sentence is an effective argument against the colossal fraud of the age. Pastors should secure a supply of this booklet, ready to hand out to those who have been tainted by the virus of Russellism.

"A Study of the Modern Revival," by Rev. M. L. Wagner, a pamphlet of thirty pages, was prompted by the evangelistic campaign conducted throughout the country. The modern revival is thoroughly analyzed, and the dangers attending congregations and pastors identifying themselves as advocates of such methods are clearly depicted.

"Lutheranism and Romanism."—These articles appeared in The Lutheran, and in response to a number of requests they have been published in pamphlet form. They have proved to be very helpful reading.

NEW EDITIONS OF OLD PUBLICATIONS PRINTED.

The following shows the list of books and pamphlets of which editions have been printed during the last two years:

ENGLISH PUBLICATIONS:

Church Books—Large.

Small.

Sunday School Books—Music Edition.

Words.

School and Parish Hymnal and Service Book.

Little Children's Book.

Catechism—Miniature.

Beginners'.

Child's.

Mann and Krotel.

Dr. Trabert.

Dr. Stump.

Church Book with Music.

Way of the Cross.

Summary of the Christian Faith.

Elements of Religion.

Waymarks of the Confirmed.

Deaconess and Her Work.

Katherine Von Bora.

Church Song.

Passiontide Sermonettes.

The Golden Altar.

The Gospel in the Stars.

Truth Made Plain.

Voices from Babylon.

Ministerial Acts.

Constitution for Congregation.

Parish Record.

Christmas Vespers No. 1.

Christ Triumphant.

Anthem, "Rejoice, Rejoice Ye Christians."

Almanacs—1914 and 1915.

A total of 137,125.

GERMAN PUBLICATIONS:

Kirchenbuch-Mittel Format.

Kleine Format.

Sonntagschulbuch Mit Noten.

Katechismus-Minatur Ausgabe.

Ministerial Handlungen.

Kalender 1914 and 1915.

A total of 49,540.

Of the Sunday-school Apparatus, the editions printed in book form are the following:

Lesson Commentary.
 Bible Story for Scholars.
 Bible Readings.
 Bible History for Scholars.
 Bible Biography.
 Bible Facts and Scenes.
 Bible Geography.
 Bible Teachings.
 Bible Literature.
 Bible Outlines.

A total of 24,000.

THE GRADED SERIES OF SUNDAY-SCHOOL INSTRUCTION.

Twenty years have now elapsed since the General Council took an advanced step in authorizing the publication of a graded course for Sunday-schools, an outline of which was presented by the Committee on Sunday School Lesson Leaves, at the Convention held at Easton, Pa., in 1895. Preliminary steps having been taken, the first publications to appear were the "Scripture Lesson Quarterly" for Scholars and for Teachers ready for use on the first Sunday in Advent in 1896.

The next publication to appear was that of "Sunshine," a semi-monthly for the Primary Department. The Ten Commandments, The Apostles' Creed, and The Lord's Prayer in wall chart form were also provided. As it was impossible at the time to find a printing office supplied with type of suitable size and form, the Board was obliged to have the type made for the purpose.

By the first Sunday in Advent, 1897, "Bible Story" made its appearance. This book began the issue of a Graded Series of Sunday-school Text Books for the Intermediate Department. Both a Teacher's and a Scholar's edition were published.

In 1898, "Bible History," the second text book of the Graded Series, was published in two editions, one for the Scholars and one for Teachers.

In 1899, "Bible Story" was also issued in the German language under the title "Biblische Erzählungen." In the same year a German primer entitled "Erstes Lesebuch für Wochen und Sonntagschulen," the plates of which were given gratis, was published.

In the biennium between 1899 and 1901, the Graded System of Sunday-school Instruction was materially increased by the addition of "Bible Geography" and "Bible Biography" at first only in quarterly form, afterwards in book form. Beginning with Advent, 1900, "The Primary Teacher" in three forms, namely, for children under six years of age; for children from six to eight; and for children from eight to ten was published. Likewise "Sunshine," a picture lesson paper for the children's division, and "Sunrays" for the Junior division. During this period Ernst Kaufmann transferred to the General Council without compensation the German Scripture Quarterly, entitled "Lektionsblätter."

The next text-book in the series issued was "Bible Teachings," which appeared beginning with Advent, 1901, and was published in book form in 1902.

It was found that there was quite a leap between "Bible Story" and "Bible History," therefore "Bible Readings" was prepared by the Committee of Sunday School Work and issued, beginning with Advent, 1903.

In this year, "Bible Literature" also was published as the concluding volume of a Graded Series of text-books to be used in Church schools and Colleges.

The years 1904 and 1905 were eventful ones, the apparatus for the Primary Department was materially improved in publishing instead of the Primary Teacher, three special publications, namely, "In Wonderland," for the Kindergarten Division; "In Workland," for the Children's Division," and "In Pictureland" for the Junior Division.

Picture Charts in colors were provided. In the original agreement, the Lutheran Publication Society, the Joint Synod of Ohio, the United Synod of the South, and the Board of Publication of the General Council combined in the issuing of "Biblical Picture Charts." Since the issuing of the Charts was a joint arrangement, the Lutheran Publication Society joined in publishing the teacher's quarterly for the same, namely, "In Pictureland," and later a similar arrangement was effected in publishing "Sunrays." Although since then in order to obtain the postage rate of mail of the second class, these two publications are published under the titles of "Primary Teacher" and "Sunbeams" respectively. Co-operation was also effected in the issuance of an illustrated weekly Sunday-school paper begun as an eight-page paper, but since increased to 12 pages. The General Council edition is known as "Young Folks," ably edited by Rev. W. L. Hunton, Ph.D., while the General Synod edition is entitled, "Lutheran Young People."

The first edition of the Picture Charts having been exhausted, a second and improved and more beautiful edition was brought out. The Lutheran Publication Society and the Board of Publication of the United Synod of the South did not co-operate in this edition, but it was made possible by the co-operation of the Augustana Book Concern and the Wartburg Publishing House, together with the Lutheran Book Concern, Columbus, Ohio.

Beginning with January, 1906, "Kinderblaettchen," the purchase of which having been consummated, published as semi-monthly, became one of the grade publications in German. "Sonnenstrahlen" also appeared in colors, similar to "Sundays," in English. The series in German was enlarged by the introduction of "Biblische Spruch und Lesebuch." In this period also "Bible Facts and Scenes," a simple and easy "Bible Geography" in English, was introduced into the Graded Series, for the use of schools desirous of the elimination of the more intricate, historical, and Biblical details found in "Bible Geography."

In accordance with the action of the Convention of the General Council in 1907, the German monthly Sunday-school paper, entitled "Der Jugend

Freund," by purchase became a part of our German Sunday-school system, corresponding with "Young Folks" in English, the Board assuming its publication with the issue of January, 1909.

During the year 1910, "In Mother's Arms," the first book in the Lutheran Graded System of Religious Instruction for the children of the Church appeared. The material in this book is also arranged in a set of eight training booklets for distribution to mothers. This book lies at the very foundation of our Graded System of Religious Instruction, which must begin with the new birth. We start at the cradle, a training which is to continue to the grave. This is pre-eminently a book for mothers who through the child become connected with the training school of the Church. The character and purpose was such as to warrant its production in most handsome style. The paper, print, illustrations, and binding are in excellent taste and in complete harmony with the subject.

In addition, "Bible Outlines" was published, taking the place of "Bible Literature," which is in reality a college text-book. "Bible Outlines" has simplified and presented in a very teachable way the facts covering the Bible and its several books, which the pupil at this time should know.

Inasmuch as the General Council at the last Convention approved and authorized the issuing of "Sunbeams" and "Sunshine" as weekly publications, the change was accordingly made and went into effect with Advent, 1913. This was done in response to frequent and urgent requests. The papers as weeklies are apparently meeting with the hearty approval of younger children in our Bible Schools.

The "Teacher Training Quarterly" appeared in June, 1914. This periodical was authorized by the General Council at its last Convention. It furnishes the material for thorough teacher training in the principles of Bible knowledge, Grade Normal Work, Child Psychology, Pedagogy, Sunday-school Management, etc. Every Lutheran teacher needs these courses of study. It is a quarterly magazine, which is furnishing what will prove to be permanent courses of instruction to those who aim to be useful and successful in teaching the youth of the Church. It is of particular value to the preacher who desires a clear grasp of the problem involved in the effective use of the Graded System.

RECAPITULATION.

The Lutheran Graded Apparatus therefore consists of the following:

Book Form—English.

In Mother's Arms.	Bible Facts and Scenes.
Bible Story for Teachers.	Bible Geography.
Bible Story for Scholars.	Bible Biography.
Bible Readings.	Bible Teachings.
Bible History for Teachers.	Bible Outlines.
Bible History for Scholars.	Bible Literature.
Teacher's Lesson Commentary.	

Book Form—German.

Erstes Lesebuch.	Biblische Erzählungen.
	Biblisches Spruch und Lesebuch.

Pamphlet or Leaflet Form—English.

Wonderland.	Bible Readings.
Sunbeams.	Bible History.
Workland.	Bible Facts and Scenes.
Sunshine.	Bible Biography.
Pictureland.	Bible Teachings.
Biblical Picture Charts.	Teacher's Scripture Lesson.
Sunrays.	Scholar's Scripture Lesson.
Bible Story—Teacher's.	Pocket Lesson Leaf.
Bible Story—Scholar's.	The Teacher Training Quarterly.

Pamphlet or Leaflet Form—German.

Kinder-Blaettchen.	Sonnenstrahlen.
Wandbilder.	Sonntagschul Lektionsblaetter.

"Young Folks," while not a lesson paper, is an illustrated weekly for the more advanced members of the school. The low subscription price, which is less than a cent a week, should insure an increased circulation.

"Der Jugend Freund" is the title of our monthly illustrated paper for the youth of our Church in German, and occupies the same sphere as "Young Folks."

The number of copies of all these Sunday-school periodicals printed in pamphlet or leaflet form per issue is 223,737; for the year 4,047,500.

This summary will be sufficient to impress upon the General Council the amount of thought and labor unselfishly expended by the Chairman of the Committee of Sunday School Work and his co-laborers in the development and production of this invaluable equipment of instruction for the children of the Church. The Church should recognize the fact that through the conception and execution of this plan, the Rev. Dr. Schmauk has made the Lutheran Church undoubtedly the pioneers in providing correctly Graded Bible School literature, a literature directly and indirectly the basic material for a number of the present denominational and interdenominational systems of graded lessons for Sunday-schools.

The publication of the series has been continued, and the amounts regularly transmitted to the proper officer of the Committee on Sunday School Work for its expenses as directed by the General Council.

THE LUTHERAN.

"The Lutheran" will soon celebrate the twentieth anniversary of its existence as the Official English Weekly Church paper of the General Council. The service which it has rendered during these two decades is well expressed in the words of the President, the Rev. Dr. T. E. Schmauk, who says, "The Lutheran is the great bond of union in the General

Council. It has done more for our General Council and our English Lutheranism than any other agency. It has awakened our Church to the importance of missions and education. It has opened the eyes of our people to large ideals. It has preached progress, and presented our problems constructively. It has been firm, yet gentle. It has exercised and maintained an influence upon the whole Lutheran Church in this country. The Church should not rest until it is regularly in the hands of every wide-awake General Council Lutheran. To increase the circulation of 'The Lutheran' is to spend money most advantageously for the Church."

These words of President Schmauk express the conviction of all who are familiar with the conservative, progressive, and aggressive policy of "The Lutheran" in its consistent and insistent efforts for the advancement of the interests of the whole Lutheran Church in general, and every portion and interest of the General Council in particular.

The past biennium has been one of unusual activity on the part of the editorial and business management of "The Lutheran." Special issues have been published and for six months an enlarged paper has been furnished with a view to make clear the necessity of a permanently enlarged or 20-page "The Lutheran" more adequately to meet the needs and present the interests of the whole General Council. That this enlarged paper is desirable and that it would be much better able to serve the interests of the whole Church are evident if we may judge from the many expressions of approval which have reached the editors and publishers. That, however, which will insure such an enlarged paper is an enlarged circulation. The General Council itself has gone on record urging a circulation of not less than 20,000 copies per week. A vigorous campaign has been prosecuted and is being pushed with the hope of reaching the minimum with the co-operation of the Synods, conferences, and pastors and church councils before the twentieth anniversary of the founding of this paper and the quadri-centennial of the Reformation shall have been passed.

The official endorsement has been very hearty and the co-operation of the part of those Synods in which the campaign has been especially pushed has been very satisfactory; but if the goal is to be attained there should be an immediate, united and persistent and universal effort.

Through the pastors in the General Synod co-operating and in many cases themselves acting as agents to securing agents a most successful campaign has been conducted in that body in the interest of their official paper, "Lutheran Church Work." May we not suggest that this movement be given further impetus by directing the attention of the pastors and the church councils of our General Council congregations to the necessity and advantage of their hearty cooperation in the securing of the widest possible circulation of our official Church papers. It has been truthfully said that if only the church officers themselves and our Sunday-school and Church Society officials were to all take the Church paper, the doubled circulation would at once be a reality.

"The Lutheran" merits a large circulation. Will the General Council, through the committee considering this report, make such recommendations as in the carrying out will give "The Lutheran" the enlarged circulation which will make possible the greater and better Church paper which editors and publishers desire to furnish the Church,—a paper fully representative of our great work and capable of meeting all our needs in these respects?

At the time action was taken by which "The Lutheran" became the official organ of the General Council, in connection with the election of the Editor, the salary of the same was also fixed. Conditions have changed very materially since then, and while the management of "The Lutheran" has been transferred to the Publication Board, yet inasmuch as the salaries had been fixed by the General Council, the Board hesitated to take action and therefore suggests that the question of salary be given consideration at this meeting.

DER DEUTSCHE LUTHERANER

The German official organ of the General Council has been issued regularly since the last Convention. Very frequently the issues were increased by four pages to afford space for the very interesting articles and news items from the contributors. Many new subscribers have been added to the list, encouraging us in the belief that with the co-operation of the pastors many more can be secured. In all our German congregations there is a wide field for work. Wherever an entrance is gained the paper is well received, and the editors and editorial committee deserve all the encouragement possible for the labor so gratuitously given. Beginning with November, 1914, we have had one agent at work in New York City and Philadelphia. By his efforts over 700 new names have been added to the list. It is hoped that all of these may be retained as permanent subscribers. Another agent has been secured who purposes to devote his entire time to the work of canvassing for our church papers.

THE MISSIONARY PERIODICALS.

"The Foreign Missionary" has been issued regularly under the business management of the Board. Rev. R. C. G. Bielinski, who succeeded Rev. H. Grahm, D.D., as business manager of "Der Missionsbote," finding the duties encroached upon his pastoral work, asked to be relieved, and by the action of the Board of Foreign Missions, the business management was transferred to and assumed by the Publication Board on October 1, 1914. Beginning with the January issue, 1913, both "The Foreign Missionary" and "Der Missionsbote" appeared in more attractive form. There has been a material increase in the subscription list of "The Foreign Missionary," largely due to the energetic work of the General Secretary, Rev. George Drach. The list of "Der Missionsbote" also shows an increase.

"The Home Missionary" has also been regularly issued and is filling an important place in the work of English Home Missions of the General Council. Rev. J. C. Kunzmann, D.D., has editorial control of the same.

The combined circulation of "The Lutheran," "The Lutheran Messenger," "Der Deutsche Lutheraner," "The Foreign Missionary," "The Home Missionary," "Der Missionsbote," and "The Lutheran Church Review" is 38,950 copies per issue; and for the year 971,200; adding the Sunday-school periodicals makes a grand total of 262,687 per issue, and for the year 5,018,250 copies.

The purchase of the property on North Seventeenth Street, and the financial transactions connected therewith were reported two years ago. Since then there have been no further developments. The property is a valuable investment, and dependent upon conditions may prove to be the future site of our publication and other church operations.

The terms of the following members expire with this Convention, viz: Rev. C. J. Cooper, D.D., Rev. S. A. Ziegenfuss, D.D., Rev. C. Armand Miller, D.D., Mr. James G. Finley, and Mr. Chas. B. Opp.

In concluding this report by way of contrast, we call attention to the fact that the Publication Work of the General Council was begun very humbly—the sole stock being the plates of a few books and the sole capital a debt resting on said plates. From this unpropitious beginning the work has developed until today we report valuable properties, a creditable working stock of literature, and the annual distribution of our distinctive publications literally by the million.

Such growth would not have been possible without the co-operation and support on the part of our churches and synods. Many have very cheerfully given this support as a token of their appreciation of the service to the Church which a publication house affords. They recognize in it a real power house for the development and diffusion of distinctive thought, influence, and truth.

With its numerous periodicals, presenting and championing every interest and work, with its many books and incomparable literature for Bible Schools, inculcating our distinctive principles, and developing the intelligent interest and effectiveness of our people, the Publication House has been and is vital to the expanding work of the Church.

The best recognition of this service and of this great influence in the development of the missionary and institutional life of the Church would be if synods, conferences, congregations, and individuals would give their undivided support to the Publication House by issuing whatever they publish under its imprint, and by making it the source whence to secure all books, literature and church supplies. Some denominations take collections in all of their churches for their publication work. Our request is for no such favors; but for co-operation that the work may be naturally expanded for the greater effectiveness of the numerous activities of the whole General Council.

Very respectfully submitted,

THE BOARD OF PUBLICATION,

SAM'L P. SADTLER, *President.*

S. A. ZIEGENFUSS, *Secretary.*

TREASURER'S REPORT

July 1, 1913, to June 30, 1915, Inclusive.

Receipts.

Cash Balance, June 30, 1913	\$13,997 36
Cash from sales of	
English Publications	\$44,244 43
German Publications	12,374 14
Sunday-school Literature	95,539 27
The Lutheran	33,200 32
The Lutheran Messenger	1,367 39
The Foreign Missionary	2,681 87
The Home Missionary	1,503 44
The Lutheran Church Review	3,017 21
Der Deutsche Lutheraner	9,581 11
Der Missionsbote	1,451 52
Rent	5,554 22
Miscellaneous	43,127 15
	253,642 07
Redemption of Certificate of Deposit and Interest	35,772 46
Proceeds from Sale of Bonds	9,795 72
Interest on Bank Balances	151 99
Total	
	\$313,359 60

Disbursements.

Paper	\$22,318 23
Printing	86,973 13
Binding	18,533 60
Plates and Cuts	4,942 17
Merchandise Purchases	30,288 90
Postage and Express	17,409 10
Expenses in issuing Sunday-school literature (in- cluding "Young Folks," "Jugend Freund," etc.)	7,441 37
Editorial and Canvassing Expenses:	
The Lutheran	5,672 42
The Lutheran Messenger	300 00
Der Deutsche Lutheraner	1,350 00
General	677 55
Church Book Committee Expenses and Purchases	731 30
Salaries	27,910 50
Stationery and Advertising	3,722 85
Taxes and Water Rents	4,122 17
Telephone Service	294 38
Interest	6,750 00
Insurance	535 24
Coal	285 40

Lighting	358 16	
Repairs	703 46	
Wrapping Paper, Boxes, and Twine	941 81	
Purchase Property and Architect's Plans	53,330 93	
Miscellaneous items	566 08	
		\$296,258 75
Leaving a balance of		\$17,100 85
The Resources of the Board consist of the following items:		
Real Estate, Furniture, and Office Equipment ..	\$61,874 40	
Real Estate, 17th Street Property	103,330 93	
		\$165,205 33
Assessed Valuation of Real Estate:		
No. 1522 and No. 1524 Arch Street	\$60,000 00	
17th Street Property	70,000 00	
		\$130,000 00
Inventory		\$24,872 47
Electrotype Plates		11,179 83
Accounts Receivable		41,517 17
Cash in Bank		17,100 85
The Liabilities are as follows:		\$259,875 65
Mortgage Loan:		
Arch Street Properties	\$30,000 00	
Seventeenth Street Properties	50,000 00	
		\$80,000 00
Accounts Payable	6,461 21	
		\$86,461 21
July 15, 1915.		
		\$173,414 44

GEORGE E. SCHLEGELMILCH, *Treasurer.*

PHILADELPHIA, October 15, 1915.

The Board of Publication of the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America, 1522 Arch Street, Phila., Pa.

GENTLEMEN:—As per your request we have audited the accounts of your Treasurer, Mr. G. E. Schlegelmilch, from July 1, 1913 to June 30, 1915, and found the same to be correct.

We would respectfully report that the total amount received by

him was\$313,359.60

which includes the balance on hand July 1, 1913, \$13,997.36.

The Disbursements amounted to 296,258.75

Leaving a Cash Balance on hand June 30, 1915\$ 17,100.85

Which amounts agree with the Published Report of your Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

VOLLUM, FERNLEY, VOLLUM, & RORER,

Certified Public Accountants.

AUDITOR'S SUMMARY OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

From July 1, 1913, to June 30, 1915

Receipts

Cash Balance at July 1, 1913	\$13,997.36
Receipts from Sales, Rent of Property, etc.	\$253,642.07
Redemption of Certificates of Deposit	35,300.00
Interest on Certificates of Deposit	472.46
Proceeds Sale of Bonds	9,795.72
Interest on Bank Balances	151.99
	\$299,362.24
	\$313,359.60

Disbursements

Publishing, Advertising, Salaries, etc.	\$236,177.82
Interest	6,750.00
Purchase of 17th St. Properties	53,330.93
Total	\$296,258 75
Cash Balance at June 30, 1915	\$17,100.85

ACTION ON PUBLICATION BOARD'S REPORT

On motion of the Rev. G. F. Gehr, it was

Resolved, That, inasmuch as the Publication Board has become the agent for the Council in the whole work of the issuing of "The Lutheran," as well as the other publications authorized by the Council, and, as such agent has knowledge of the details of the work being done by the Editor, as well as his assistants, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the adjustment of the salary of the Editor be referred to the incoming Board of Publication, with power to act in the matter.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Kaehler, it was

Resolved, That it is with a high degree of satisfaction that the General Council has heard the report of the Publication Board, and hereby expresses its gratification at the work accomplished in the past two decades, that from a quite insignificant beginning it has grown to become a powerful factor in the dissemination of literature for the advancement of the Kingdom of Christ and His Church. We therefore make the request that this service be recognized in that, so far as possible to do so, pastors, congregations, and Sunday-schools place their orders for books and other supplies with our own Publication House, thereby furthering the expansion of the work to still greater effectiveness to the benefit of our Church.

The Publication Board's Report was adopted as a whole, contingent on furnishing the Secretary with an audit of the Treasurer's account. See the document given above.

J. B. Oakleaf, Esq., presented the

REPORT ON LAYMEN'S MEETING

To the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America.

In behalf of the Laymen's Meeting held yesterday in Grace Church, I beg to submit the following:

Resolved, 1. That in response to Item 6 of the report of the Laymen's Meeting to the Convention of the General Council at Toledo, Ohio, two years ago, and as a report of the Committee on Laymen's Organization appointed by the President of the Council pursuant to said item, we recommend the adding to the list of the Standing Committees of the General Council, of a further standing Committee of NINE LAYMEN to be elected by the Council at each meeting, whose duty shall be to take charge of and prepare a program for the meeting of the Laymen at the Convention of the Council. In consultation with the president of the Council to co-operate as far as possible in the work of the Council, to suggest names to the president of suitable laymen to be appointed to the various committees of the Council, to suggest improvements in the method of transacting business and such other suggestions as may seem to it to facilitate and expedite the work of the convention and to suggest such further activity on the part of the laymen as may seem from time to time desirable or necessary.

2. That we recommend to the General Council that the matter of roll call be changed, and that the Executive Committee be empowered to devise and put into effect a plan that will save time.

3. That we, the laymen of the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America, assembled in biennial convention at Rock Island, Ill., September 10, 1915, would express our deep and earnest interest in the nation-wide missionary campaign which is to be conducted during the coming fall and winter in seventy-five leading cities of our country under the auspices of the Laymen's Missionary Movement of the United States, in order to awaken greater activity in the Home and Foreign Mission work of the Protestant Churches, and assure the officers of our fervent prayers and willing co-operation in this timely movement.

HARRY HODGES, *Secretary*.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Committee of Nine be appointed by the Chair.

On motion,

Resolved, That the third item be referred to the Committee on Popular Movements,—the Committee on Abstracts.

The report was then adopted as a whole.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Cooper, it was

Resolved, That no new business be heard until the reports of the Boards and Standing Committees shall have been heard.

Rev. Mr. Weller presented the report of the committee to which was referred the Porto Rico Charter. It was adopted authorizing incorporation. See Friday Afternoon Session.

The Report on Part I of the President's Report was acted on. See Thursday Afternoon Session.

The Report of the Committee on Part II of the President's Report was acted on. See Thursday Afternoon Session.

The Rev. Dr. Pihlblad presented the Report of the Committee on Abstracts. See Thursday Afternoon Session.

On motion of E. Augustus Miller, Esq., the following document was adopted:

WHEREAS, The Lutheran League of Rochester, State of New York, by three separate deeds or indentures, granted and conveyed respectively to the Grace Lutheran Church, the Trinity Lutheran Church, and the St. Paul's Lutheran Church, of Rochester, New York, certain lots, or pieces of ground, in said indentures particularly mentioned and described, in each of which said deeds the following condition or covenant is mentioned or expressed: "This conveyance is made upon the express conditions and with the express limitations which shall be covenants running with the land, that said premises and the buildings thereon, or that may hereafter be erected thereupon, shall be used exclusively and in perpetuity as a place of religious worship, the congregation so worshipping being in union with a properly constituted and recognized synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church whose doctrinal basis shall be the regularly accepted confession of the said Evangelical Lutheran Church, and that, if at any time it should become necessary or expedient to sell, mortgage, or otherwise dispose of the said premises, the proceeds thereof shall be used upon the said premises or in the purchase of other premises and in the erection of buildings upon such purchased premises to be used exclusively as above set forth, and any sale or other disposition of said premises or premises purchased with the proceeds thereof, contrary to the above terms, conditions, and restrictions, or for a sum not representing the fair market value thereof shall be void and upon a breach of any of the above conditions and restrictions the said premises shall immediately revert to the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of North America or its successors, to be used for the purpose of its English Home Mission work, and

WHEREAS, Upon petition of the several congregations owning said lots, The Lutheran League of Rochester, State of New York, the grantor, mentioned in said deeds, has agreed and consented to have the said covenant and condition released so as to permit of the free sale and conveyance of said lots, and

WHEREAS, The General Council has been petitioned by the several congregations to assign and release any and all interest or title, present or expectant, which it may have in said premises, so as to permit the free sale and conveyance of said lots. Therefore,

Resolved, That, upon the facts presented and upon the petition of the respective owners of said lots, the General Council authorizes and directs the Trustees of the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America to agree and consent to the said petition and to empower and instruct its officers to execute and deliver any and all conveyances, assurances, deeds, or other papers that may be necessary in order to transfer any and all title or interest, contingent or otherwise, which it may have or possess in said premises to the respective owners of said premises and to attach the seal of the corporation in execution of said deeds and papers.

After the use of the Lord's Prayer, led by the Rev. Wm. M. Horn, the Council adjourned.

TUESDAY MORNING SESSION

Tuesday, September 14, 9 A. M.

The Eighth Session was opened with a devotional service conducted by the Rev. Ira O. Nothstein, pastor of Grace Church, Rock Island.

The Minutes of the Seventh Session were read, corrected, and adopted.

The Secretary read the following telegram:

MOUNT AIRY, PA., Sept. 13, 1915.

Mrs. Fry and I acknowledge and greatly appreciate the congratulations of the General Council on our Sixtieth Anniversary.

JACOB FRY.

The Rev. Dr. Keiter presented the

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ARBITRATION AND FRATERNAL CO-OPERATION

The Committee of the General Council appointed to act conjointly with a Committee of the General Synod on the matter of practical co-operation and the adjudicating of difficulties arising between the two bodies in the prosecution of English Home Mission Work begs leave to present the following:

No meeting of the two committees was held during the last biennium. This does not imply neglect of duty nor indifference to the importance of its work, but is due to the failure on the part of the General Synod to appoint a committee with definite powers to meet the Committee of the Council.

Efforts to bring about a meeting were made, but the existing committee of the General Synod was apparently unwilling to continue its work without definite instructions from its own body.

At the first meeting of the joint commission held at Lancaster, Pa., the committee of the General Synod declared it possessed plenary powers and full authority to act on all matters within the jurisdiction of the commission. Accordingly a series of rules and regulations were drawn up (See Minutes of General Council, 1913).

These rules were adopted by the General Council, including the item according to which a division of the mission territory was mutually agreed upon.

In the report of the General Synod's Committee to the meeting of that body held at Atchison, Kansas, 1913, the committee instead of supporting its recommendations on the floor of General Synod declared that the resolutions did not meet with the approval of many in the General Synod

acquainted with the work, and whereas it appeared that the committee had unwittingly exceeded its authority, that it had not been invested with final powers to adopt regulations binding the General Synod and recommended adverse action on the report.

The General Synod accordingly dissented from the report adopted by the joint commission and declared itself averse to endorsing any proposition which looked to the dividing of mission territory between the two general bodies.

At the recent meeting of the General Synod held at Akron, Ohio, following the address of the Fraternal delegate of the General Council, the General Synod adopted the following resolution:

“Resolved, That we assure the General Council again, that the General Synod has no desire to erect altar against altar and institution against institution and that we further assure the General Council that while we are not prepared to ask for the unqualified reversal of the General Synod’s action taken in 1913, we do recommend the continuance of the Committee on practical co-operation and fraternal relations, and that this Committee be instructed to confer with a similar committee of the General Council with a view to reaching such conclusions as to principles, rules and agreements as will avoid friction and provide for effective co-operation.”

Subsequently the following resolution was adopted:

“That, where any one or more general body or bodies of the Lutherans in this country shall vest its committee or committees with similar power, the Committee of this General Synod on Practical Co-operation and Fraternal Conference, is authorized and directed to enter into negotiations with such general body or bodies of Lutherans through its or their said committee or committees looking toward the union of this General Synod and such other general body or bodies of Lutherans and said Committee on Practical Co-operation and Fraternal Conference, shall from time to time, as occasion demands, report the results of its labors to this body for action.”

In view, therefore, of the earnest desire of the General Council to promote comity and preserve peace and harmony between the two bodies as well as to further the interests of our Lutheran Church in this country, your Committee recommends the following:

I. That the General Council hails with pleasure the action of the General Synod in continuing its Committee on Practical Co-operation and Fraternal Relations, with instructions to confer with a like Committee of the General Council for the purpose of drawing up rules, principles, and agreements which will avoid friction, promote harmony and provide for effective co-operation in the prosecution of Home Mission Work.

II. We regret that the General Synod has failed to invest its Committee with power to arbitrate possible differences on the basis of rules and regulations already accepted by both bodies, and we, therefore, recommend that we instruct our Fraternal Delegate to the next meet-

ing of the General Synod to most respectfully ask said General Synod to appoint some committee with power to arbitrate upon principles, rules and regulations accepted.

III. That the General Council, therefore, continue its Committee to meet with the Committee of the Synod for the purposes above enunciated, but that it also vest in said Committee the power to arbitrate differences which may arise from time to time with any Committee of the General Synod similarly empowered.

THE COMMITTEE.

The report, with its recommendations, was adopted, and the action of the Commission approved.

The Rev. Dr. Sandt presented the

REPORT OF THE INNER MISSION COMMITTEE

During the past biennium, the inner mission activities within the General Council have given evidence of unusual life and vigor. While they are still prevailingly institutional in character, it can be said as never before that they have been abundantly blessed in their work. In the work of mercy there are now connected with the General Council, directly or indirectly, four deaconess motherhouses, seventeen orphans' homes, fourteen old people's homes, ten hospitals, six hospices, eight institutions of a miscellaneous character for the care of homeless children, infants, the neglected, and the like, four seamen's and immigrant homes, and two homes for defectives (epileptics and cripples). More than half of these belong to the Augustana Synod. There is, therefore, no dearth of inner mission activity in its institutional form, and the General Council may be said to be more active in this field of merciful ministration than most Lutheran bodies in the country. To this must be added the many-sided activities of the city missionaries and their helpers in Philadelphia, and New York, and the inner mission community work that partakes of the character of settlement work—two branches capable of untold usefulness and blessing.

INSTITUTIONS OR AGENCIES

The Inner Mission Committee of the General Council believes itself specially charged with the duty of broadening the scope of inner mission activity in order that agencies, rather than institutions, may be created to meet crying needs which the Church has thus far left almost untouched. Its chief work is education and enlightenment so as to beget and foster the spirit of Christian service among the people and make the multiplication of institutions less necessary. There is already a growing conviction that it is easily possible to avoid the establishment of many institutions for the care of orphans and neglected children, and of similar charities, by organizing home-finding associations, or by calling upon the congregation to become such an association. If the congrega-

tion were to become what of God it is designed to be—an inner mission leaven—it would not so readily thrust its needy members upon the care of some institution but would exercise the gift of Christlike love and mercy itself. Too much of this beneficent activity has already left the congregation and it needs to be brought back. The more complete and efficient the congregation becomes in works of love and in Christlike ministration, the less will be the need of institutions to do the work which it leaves undone.

The Inner Mission Committee has repeatedly emphasized this fundamental conception of the Inner Mission and regards it as its chief task to impress it upon the Church at large. It realizes full well that we do not have too many orphans' and old people's homes, nor too many other institutions of mercy; for we are still far from providing the necessary care and shelter for the many who look for succor to these institutions: but the time has come to inquire whether in the care of orphans and aged people, and of invalids and convalescents coming from our hospitals, the congregations are doing what they should to assume their share of the responsibility. There is a way of caring for such without thrusting them prematurely upon the care of institutions. There are Christian people so circumstanced as to be able to shelter orphans, neglected children, and even the aged and the convalescent, and with great benefit to themselves; but they must be trained out of their indifference and be taught the blessedness and joy of such service. Institutions are a *last* resort; but we have made them the *only* resort, and our congregations have been allowed to regard their responsibility ended when they send what should be their own wards to institutions of mercy and take up a paltry collection to support them. The question arises whether those Lutherans are not correct who discourage the establishing of orphans' homes but organize home-finding societies instead to meet the same needs. This is but one way of throwing back upon the congregation a responsibility which should not, save in case of absolute necessity, be thrust upon institutions of mercy.

RESOLUTIONS PROPOSED.

A. *Resolved*, That the organization of Home-finding Societies for orphans and neglected children be encouraged, and that such societies be urged to co-operate with the institutions already existing

B. *Resolved*, That these same home-finding societies act as an educational agency to impress upon congregations the possibilities of Christlike ministration to needy ones of their own parish or community so as to relieve institutions of mercy of demands and burdens which they are unable to meet and bear.

C. *Resolved*, That wherever possible, institutions of mercy appealing to the same constituency for support should co-operate so as to bring the eleemosynary needs before the people in their completeness and unity with the force of one strong appeal.

D. *Resolved*, That, for the better accomplishment of these ends, the

fundamental importance of so training and developing the activities of the congregation that it may become an inner mission leaven and agency in its own community, be constantly urged in discussions at meetings of synod and conference.

THE TRAINING OF LAY HELPERS

At the Toledo Convention, the General Council instructed a joint committee of the Board of Education and the Inner Mission Committee to investigate the feasibility of training lay workers for our congregations and institutions (see Minutes 1913, p. 264). This committee was composed of the chairmen of the two committees, C. M. Jacobs, D.D. and Geo. W. Sandt, D.D., together with C. E. Lindberg, D.D., J. W. Horine, D.D., Rev. Frank C. Oberly, and E. P. Pfatteicher, Ph.D., of the Board of Education, and E. F. Bachmann, D.D., G. C. Berkemeier, D.D., J. F. Ohl, Mus-D., and Rev. J. F. Schantz, of the Inner Mission Committee. At a preliminary meeting, held in Philadelphia, all except two of the committee were present, and after some general discussion it was agreed 1. that Dr. Bachmann prepare a paper on the history and methods of training lay-workers in Germany, which paper appeared in "The Lutheran Church Review" of April, 1915; 2. that Pastor Schantz prepare another on the method of training lay-workers in other evangelical bodies in this country; 3. that Dr. Ohl prepare a third paper describing the fields that are open for the employment of lay workers; 4. that Dr. Sandt prepare a fourth paper on 'What Advantages Does Philadelphia Offer for the Training of Lay-workers'?; and 5, that the secretary, Rev. F. C. Oberly prepare a questionnaire to be sent to various institutions and a selected number of pastors. The following questionnaire was sent:

QUESTIONNAIRE OF GENERAL COUNCIL COMMITTEE ON LAY-WORKERS

1. How many salaried lay-workers are in the service of your (a) Society? (b) Institution? (c) Congregation? 2. How many unsalaried lay-workers take an active part in your work? 3. What special training, if any, have your salaried or unsalaried workers received? 4. In what capacity do the salaried workers serve? 5. In what capacity do the voluntary helpers serve? 6. What is your need of additional helpers, salaried and unsalaried? 7. Are any ordained ministers in your service whose position could be filled by trained and competent lay-workers? 8. Do you consider the special training of lay-helpers desirable?

These papers and questionnaire were read and discussed at a subsequent meeting, held April 30, 1914. Dr. Bachmann was later requested by the chairman of the Inner Mission Committee to summarize in the form of practical suggestions the results of the discussions and investigations of the joint committee. The suggestions follow:

SUGGESTIONS FOR THE TRAINING OF LAY-WORKERS.

One of the greatest problems confronting Inner Mission Work is an adequate force of trained workers. Wichern and Fliedner were the first leaders in the Church's work of mercy to recognize this fact and to

provide for adequate and special training. At the same time, however, fields of labor must actually be open to those who enter upon a special course. The first, and the vital factor in any plan for the training of lay-workers is a *definite aim*. Vague generalization is fatal to the project. We, therefore, base our suggestions on the following questions:

I. FOR WHAT FIELDS DOES THE CHURCH NEED LAY WORKERS?

1. *For Congregations in Our Large Cities.*

Here, apart from regular deaconesses, women are needed as *Parish Visitors*. They may assist the pastor in looking after delinquents of the Sunday-school, in keeping in closer touch with the sick, in reaching the strangers and the unchurched of the neighborhood, in helpful co-operation with other agencies for the destitute and even in seeking the wayward and the fallen. The working girls of the congregation should be considered their special charges. None but women of good judgment, broad sympathies and great tact can render real service in this field.

2. *For City Mission Work.*

Here we must distinguish three classes:

- a. *Visitors* for charitable and penal institutions.
- b. *Men* qualified to conduct services at such institutions, under the direction and leadership of city missionaries, and able to present the vital truths of the gospel to audiences coming from the masses indifferent to the Church. These are sorely needed to supplement the regular ministry, for only with their aid can the Church hope to reach these people who are estranged from her, not altogether without her fault.
- c. *Settlement workers*, men and women, to assure results in harmony with the purpose of the Church. Persons untried, and untrained not rarely increase the usual difficulties by their lack of efficiency or of loyalty.

3. *For the Institutions of the Church.*

a. *Superintendents and trained assistants* are in great demand for *Homes for the Aged* and for *Shelters* with temporary inmates, for *Hospices* for men and for women, and for *Homes for Children*, be these Homes for orphans or for deserted and homeless little ones, and *Homes for Defectives*, for the feeble-minded, for epileptics, for cripples and incurables.

It is evident that workers for these various fields need both a general training in the fundamental truths of the Christian faith and life, and in the history and theory of social evils and their treatment, as well as specific and practical training for particular departments. All should have a clear grasp and deep appreciation of the gospel, of Lutheranism, of the history and the life and labors of the Church, so as to make them efficient witnesses of the truth and safe guides of the persons committed to their care. The special training would include for workers in Children's Homes, domestic science, hygiene and practical nursing, kindergarten and pedagogy; while parish visitors would need Christian soci-

ology, possibly one or more modern languages; and the men assisting in City Mission work would have to specialize in the study of the English Bible and receive some training in Homiletics and in public speaking. It stands to reason, that no one institution, at least for the present, can be expected to train workers with such divergent interests and needs.

II. WHERE CAN WORKERS BE TRAINED?

Persons to be charged with serious responsibilities cannot be properly prepared in their own homes by a course of reading, nor even at some school by mere lectures, for they must not merely be taught, but actually trained where practical work can be combined with theoretical instruction. Sound theory and practical experience are of equal importance. At the same time the inspiration of qualified leaders will be a factor of highest importance to hold and to develop candidates for real service. We would therefore advise against a multiplicity of individual and private efforts, attempting to train consecrated men and women for the work of the Church, for we fear this would prevent a desirable degree of uniformity of standard and of aim. On the other hand, there should be found an opportunity for training within comparatively easy access to candidates, therefore in various centers of Lutheranism. For this purpose your committee believes it advantageous to co-operate with other Lutheran bodies, wherever such arrangements can be made. The conditions to be insisted upon are 1. the opportunity for practical work and actual training in one or more of the above mentioned fields and departments; 2. the possibility of a broad and thorough course of theoretical instruction, in full harmony with the spirit of the Lutheran Church; and 3. safe leadership. Within the General Council such conditions could probably be met in cities like New York, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Chicago, Milwaukee, the Twin Cities, and others of smaller size, but of quite equal opportunities, as religious and industrial centers.

III. WHAT KIND OF CANDIDATES ARE DESIRABLE?

Candidates cannot become efficient workers after a course of one or even two years, unless they already possess natural qualifications for their chosen calling, have at least a High School education or its equivalent and are sincere in their intention to serve the Lord, ready to deny themselves, yes, to sacrifice themselves for the Lord and His cause. If this last condition is not met, candidates will soon be disappointed themselves or what is worse, will in their work soon disappoint others. The age limit must be fixed according to the field in view, as a rule, however, it should not be less than 18 for a young woman and not less than 21 for a young man, as the latter should have given proof of his ability either in some trade or business; nor should it be above 35, unless the candidate be exceptionally well qualified. In order to encourage young people of limited means to take such a course, no charge should be made beyond the cost of actual maintenance, and even this could in many instances be reduced by some compensation for actual services rendered by the candidates.

Your committee would, therefore, recommend the following action:

E. *Resolved*, That the General Council encourage provision for the special training of Inner Mission workers in connection with such agencies of the Church and under such conditions as each respective sectional group of the Inner Mission Committee of the General Council may make or may approve within its own territory.

THE INNER MISSION AND SOCIAL SERVICE

[The following statement on this subject is intended to be for information and for suggestion, and not as a complete or final deliverance.]

In its last report two years ago, the Inner Mission Committee called attention to the importance of emphasizing in schools and colleges where sociology is being taught, the essential difference between Christian service which characterizes the Inner Mission and a certain type of so-called social service based on socialistic and communistic theories which tend to thrust the redemptive element into the background, and which in the minds of many is supposed to stand for the same thing. Is this being done? The enormous stress that is being laid upon social service, and the enthusiasm with which it is welcomed and advocated by the Federation of the Churches of Christ in America, as if it expressed the very essence of the Church's message and mission to the Twentieth century, makes it imperative for the Lutheran Church to define with clearness whether the two agree fundamentally or whether they do not. Any one who will read the latest Year Book of the Federation of Churches can not fail to be impressed with the strong hold which this new social service propaganda in its present vague state has gained upon the Reformed wing of American Protestantism. It has become a passion with many of its leaders and has seized them with the force of a new revelation. Not a few of our Lutheran pastors who have sat under the teaching of university professors and are familiar with the latest sociological literature have confused Social Service with the Inner Mission, and regard the latter as simply a narrower and less developed branch of the former. Is this view correct?

So long as the Lutheran Church in this country confines itself chiefly to institutional forms of inner mission activity and thus limits the scope and influence of this arm of the Church's power, there is some just ground for misapprehension as to its real character. It is therefore all the more incumbent upon the Church not only to give a clear definition of what is implied in the term Inner Mission but to insist that it is capable of a far wider application than has as yet been given it. If congregations, singly or in groups, were to launch out into community work and establish Christian settlements in centers where they are badly needed, or do similar work in their own parishes, in the course of a few years they would demonstrate the complete superiority of this form of humanitarian-redemptive service over any other that has yet been named. They would prove that there is only one way in which to change abnormal conditions and uplift mankind, and that is to combat

sin by combining merciful ministration with the preaching and application of the Gospel.

It is easy to change a community in its outer environment,—the State can do that much better than the Church,—but no environment is permanently changed until there is a change in the inner life of the people. No amount of “civic revivals” or “social evangelism,” no “bill of rights for labor,” no proclamations of social justice, humanity and brotherhood, no efforts to bring about “a better understanding between organized Capital, organized Labor, and organized Religion,” no “general campaigns for child welfare, public health, social purity, organized recreation, industrial safety, living wage and international peace,” no “movements against poverty, overwork and crime, and to civic action to effect all these purposes”—which is in brief the social service program—will change the inner life of the people, and what is a change of outer conditions worth as long as the inner life remains unchanged? Here is where the radical difference between the Inner Mission and Social Service, as at present proclaimed, appears. On the basis of the social service program as announced or proclaimed in the Year Book of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ for 1915, the following analysis is attempted. This is done with a view to bring out certain contrasts between it and the inner mission rather than as a wholesale condemnation of social service as such. There is a Christian social service, and there can be no doubt that the Federal Council of Christian Churches intends to endorse no other types. But it is of the utmost importance that the principles upon which it is based should be evangelically sound, and that it should discriminate clearly between the functions of the Church and the functions of the State—between the duty of the Christian as a member of the Church and his duty as a citizen. As Rauschenbush’s definition of social service and his un-Scriptural definition of the kingdom of God, which has as its dominating principle a socialistic and communistic concept rather than an evangelical one, is acknowledged as the guiding principle in social service as proclaimed in the Year Book, it is proper that a comparison should be instituted between it and the Inner Mission. Such comparison can here be given only in outline for the purpose of stimulating further study. The difference between the two may be roughly summarized as follows:

1. Social Service is prevailingly a humanitarian, civic and ethical movement to effect much-needed changes in the social structure. The Inner Mission is essentially a humanitarian-redemptive movement to effect a change both in the outer condition and the inner life. (It is not intended by this to deny that certain forms of Social Service work, where missionary effort and evangelism are combined with it, are redemptive in character as well as humanitarian; but in the main Social Service, as defined in the Year Book, lays little stress on the redemptive side.)

2. Social Service has as its watchword social justice, and hence its aim is to create sentiment and influence legislation. The Inner Mis-

sion has as its watchword Christ-like service, and hence its aim is to so minister to the needs of men as to bring them under the influence of the saving Gospel.

3. Social Service keeps its eye on the inequalities and inhumanities of life so exclusively as to fail to duly appreciate the root out of which they grow—*sin*. It therefore deals with evil conditions on the surface and not with the root of all evil which is responsible for the conditions. Hence its spirit and motive are altruistic and ethical chiefly and religious or Christian accidentally. The Inner Mission is not less sensitive as to the inequalities and inhumanities of life, but it recognizes in the sinful heart a much greater calamity. While therefore it seeks to ameliorate external hard conditions, its real battle is with sin. This it fights with the only weapon God has placed in man's hand—the Gospel. Hence its spirit and motive are essentially redemptive as well as humanitarian and ethical.

4. Social Service is seeking to create an altruistic, materialistic heaven here upon earth. It proclaims a square deal for every man, and exalts beyond measure the commonly accepted bread-and-butter philosophy of life. In its emphasis, it reverses the teaching of Christ as to the relative value of things, making it read: "Seek ye first all other things and the kingdom of God will be added unto you." (Rauschenbusch's definition of the Kingdom of God virtually amounts to this inversion, and his "Christianizing the Social Order" means little more than this). Give me all I want now and let the hereafter take care of itself, is the sentiment its one-sided emphasis encourages. The Inner Mission seeks to ameliorate the hard conditions under which many live, but it encourages no utopian dreams of a heaven here on earth. The kingdom it labors to have men love and dwell in is a kingdom of spiritual rather than material blessedness. In its view, time is always an annex to eternity, and not the reverse; and the good things of this life are not summed up in the abundance of the things a man either possesses or desires. True happiness or blessedness is not dependent on things.

5. Social Service conceives of the community, or of society as a whole, as the unit to be changed or bettered. Its method therefore is communistic and socialistic rather than individualistic and personal. Its appeal is to the group, not to the individual. It seeks to influence the mass, and personality which Christianity exalts so highly does not enter into the equation. The Inner Mission, on the contrary, conceives of the individual as the unit with which it has to deal primarily. Its work is eminently personal and its method the individual-contact method. It works from the center out to the circumference of the social order, for the individual is that center and an "order" without the personal element that composes it is an abstraction rather than a real living entity. It stands for a movement where the *I* and the *Thou* and the *He* play a more important part than the *We* and *You* and *They*. The gateway to the mass is the individual.

6. Because of this essential difference in principle and spirit and motive, Social Service is a more suitable adjunct to the State than to the Church. The watchword of the State is justice and the arm of its power is law. The watchword of the Church is mercy and the arm of its power is love. Hence Social Service should ally itself with the State rather than with the Church. The Inner Mission, on the other hand, being a work of love and mercy that is essentially redemptive, is not merely an ally or adjunct of the Church but a necessary part of its propagating power. It is a good Samaritan and a good missionary combined in one. It is a leaven permeating society and working out its redemption, not a regulative force working out reforms by the aid of the law. Its spirit and method are evangelical, not legalistic.

But while in their essential principle and character the two thus differ, they are not necessarily opposed or antagonistic to each other. They have common interests that touch each other at many points, and within certain limits they can co-operate—just as the State and the Church, without sacrificing their specific spheres and functions, can and should co-operate. Thus, for instance, in a community where intemperance, immorality, ignorance, indolence, poverty and crime abound, Social Service can be a great help to make the work of the Inner Mission effective, and vice versa. The one makes its appeal to the law and seeks to remove the breeding places of vice and poverty and crime; the other makes its appeal to the Gospel and seeks to cure the lower appetites and passions which enslave men. The one provides a crutch; the other, a cure. Nor need a sharp boundary line be established between the two, as if Social Service should have nothing to do with the Gospel and the Inner Mission nothing to do with the Law. There is a social service that is evangelical as well as legalistic; there is a social service that confesses its impotence as a corrective agency by means of the law and proclaims the need of the Gospel as the only effective antidote to sin. When once much of the haziness and indefiniteness that is associated with the Social Service movement shall have been removed, it will become more redemptive in purpose and motive than is the case at present. It must become such if the Federal Council is not to subordinate evangelism and make legalism its substitute. At present Social Service and the Inner Mission can work together only as contrasts, not as likes. Any theory that makes them identical in purpose and motive and method does not help Social Service and does harm to the Inner Mission.

This indicates in substance, though by no means in a final and authoritative sense, what should be the attitude of the Lutheran Church toward the Social Service propaganda. It has been thus set forth in the hope that a more thorough study of the subject may be encouraged throughout the General Council and the whole Lutheran Church. The Committee presents this outline treatment for discussion at this meeting of the General Council in order that it may the more intelligently prepare certain theses on the subject to be discussed during the coming biennium at the meetings of the synods and conferences.]

RESOLUTIONS RECOMMENDED

F. *Resolved*, That the Committee be instructed to prepare the necessary theses for synodical or confederal discussion.

G. *Resolved*, That, wherever possible, pastors encourage their members to labor as faithful citizens, who have the interests of the community and of society in general at heart, in all laudable efforts or movements designed to suppress crying social evils and effect a betterment of civic and social conditions generally. They should be careful, however, not to involve the congregation or the Lutheran Church as such in civic and social movements of this character.

CO-OPERATION WITH THE GENERAL SYNOD

During the past year, at the request of the Rev. Dr. Knubel, chairman of the Inner Mission Committee of the General Synod, a joint meeting consisting of four members of each committee was held in order to discover in what spheres the two committees might co-operate. After the discussion of a paper prepared by Dr. Manhart on the subject, the consensus of opinion was that only in the sphere of education could such co-operation take place at present. It was felt that great good might result from such co-operation, as it is of the highest importance that there should be a consensus of conviction as touching the principle and method of the Inner Mission among Lutherans of all connections, and the hope was expressed that inner mission institutes might be held in two or three centers during the next biennium.

REPORTS OF INNER MISSION INSTITUTIONS

It might be stated in this connection that shortly after the meeting of the Toledo convention, 5,000 copies of the Inner Mission Committee's report, with illustrations, were printed for general circulation. Some of these are still on hand for distribution and may be had by making application to the secretary, Dr. Ohl.

APPROPRIATION

H. *Resolved*, That an appropriation of not less than \$400 be made during the coming biennium to defray all necessary expenses of the Committee.

INNER MISSION INSTITUTIONS AND AGENCIES

1. *Agencies*. There are at present seven inner mission societies or agencies, connected either in whole or in part with the General Council, which are doing work in as many cities. They are the Inner Mission Society in New York City (inter-synodical) whose missionaries are the Revs. F. F. Buermeyer, D.D., and C. E. Krumholz; the Inner Mission Society in Philadelphia, whose missionaries are the Revs. Jos. F. Schantz and G. H. Bechtold, and the City Mission of the Penna. Ministerium conducted by Revs. Dr. J. F. Ohl and M. R. Minnich; the Inner Mission Society of Pittsburgh, whose missionary is the Rev. Ambrose Hering; the Inner Mission Society in Buffalo, whose missionary is the Rev. W.

Krumwiede; the Inner Mission Society in Chicago connected with the Illinois Conference of Augustana Synod, whose missionary is the Rev. J. Jespersen; the Inner Mission Society in St. Paul connected with the Minnesota Conference; and the Inner Mission Society in Minneapolis, whose missionary is the Rev. F. A. Schaffnit.

When it is remembered that a decade ago there was only one such society which attempted to cope with the complex and distressing needs in all great cities, the growth of interest in this direction is most encouraging. Since the last meeting of the General Council the Rev. Krumholz of New York City has taken charge of the Hospice, which now has a fine property, and is studying conditions so as to branch out into other fields. Dr. Buermeyer is continuing his intensive personal work, and his addresses and reports reveal how rich in fruitage his work has proven to be. His experiences are of a character that show him to be specially adapted for rescue and soul-saving work.

In Philadelphia, under the leadership of Dr. Ohl and his co-worker, more than a score of institutions are being regularly visited and the Gospel preached and applied in public and private ministration. Local pastors and laymen have been pressed into this service, and the wide reach and influence of this ministry is steadily growing. *The Luther Hospice* is far too small to accommodate the young men who are flocking to it, and an effort will soon be made to greatly enlarge the building. *The Lutheran Settlement* has proven to be a godsend in the community to which it ministers, and its work during the past biennium has been greatly blessed. With less than half the working force and one fourth the outlay in money, it is accomplishing fully as much as the older settlements in the city. It is no longer an experiment and is settling down to a definite and distinctive line of work. The need of a better equipment in rooms and building is keenly felt.

In Pittsburgh, an Inner Mission Office has been opened in the heart of the city, and under the leadership of the Rev. Ambrose Hering, a large number of interests and activities,—such as dispensing charity, keeping in touch with travelers' aid societies, juvenile courts, railway stations, police stations, rescue missions, conducting an employment bureau, visiting destitute homes, delivering lectures for the training of workers, conducting summer Bible Schools, and the like,—are being engaged in. A monthly, entitled *The Inner Mission Worker*, for the spreading of information, is being published and already has about 1,000 subscribers.

In Buffalo, the Rev. W. Krumwiede is making a study of the field with a view to developing city mission activity, and since Jan. 1, 1914, has done a large work in hospitals, penal institutions, children's courts, police courts and in the almshouse.

In Chicago, the Rev. J. Jespersen, who last year succeeded the Rev. V. J. Tengvald, with the Central Home as his headquarters, is continuing the work of his predecessor though along less wide ramifications. He is concentrating his efforts and working intensively rather than extensively.

In the Twin Cities, the Rev. Schaffnit, with the Girls' Hospice in Minneapolis as a center, assisted by a deaconess, besides caring for 1,055 guests during 1914, is doing much general inner mission work among the poor, the sick, the fallen, the forsaken, and the orphaned. An employment bureau, a Christian kindergarten and a day nursery are also being conducted, the two latter under a separate board. Dr. Petri's work is referred to elsewhere; also the work of Rev. J. E. Hedberg.

In St. Paul, a city missionary, under the direction of the Minnesota Conference of the Augustana Synod is doing work among the needy in hospitals and penal institutions; and Dr. Haupt as the agent of a League of Protestant Women is doing much inner mission work in connection with his juvenile and municipal court activities.

The Inner Mission Committee of the Women's Inner Mission Society of the General Council, through its chairman, Mrs. Martha M. Deck, reports an enlarged activity and usefulness during the past biennium. The women have proved the mainstay of the work in nearly all the centers where the above activities have been conducted. Not only have large sums of money been collected by them, but they have also been largely instrumental in creating and sustaining interest in the work. Without them, it would be difficult, if not impossible, to make the work prosper. Too much praise can not be accorded them. As the report could not be made complete, and as no detailed information can be given in this general report, it must suffice to present in brief three recommendations of the chairman in her report. 1. That the secretaries of the synodical or conference societies notify the chairman of any change in chairman of their inner mission committee, also accompanying it with the address.

2. That the formation of inner mission committees in Luther Leagues and Young People's Missionary Societies be urged for the purpose of training them in Christian service.

3. That young women be sought out and be urged to qualify themselves under efficient training for service as inner mission workers.

NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN THE INSTITUTIONS.

As it would unduly lengthen this report to present every year an outline of the work and status of the Inner Mission institutions, it has been deemed best to request information as to any new work or new developments during the biennium that deserve mention, and to give only statistics in tabulated form. Thus far the only new developments that have been reported are as follows:

The Orphans' Home at Germantown, Philadelphia, has acquired and fitted out a new property and begun a Child's nursery. It already has 20 inmates.

The Old People's Home at Zelienople, Pa., has secured an offer of \$20,000 for improvements from an individual on condition that the Synod raise \$30,000 by July 1, 1916. Synod accepted the offer and is endeavoring to raise the required amount.

A Home-finding Society has been organized by the Augustana Synod churches in Minneapolis to secure homes for children. It is doing work under the direction of the Rev. J. E. Hedberg in the Twin Cities and in Duluth.

The Seamen's Missions in Boston, New York (Hoboken) and Philadelphia had new and heavy tasks and burdens thrust upon them since the outbreak of the European War. Thousands of sailors on vessels stranded in these and other harbors had suddenly been thrown out of employment and the problem of assisting them in their distress was beyond the resources of our faithful missionaries.

An exception in reporting the institutions in fuller form is made in the case of the Augustana Synod's institutions this year because in the report of 1913 only a meager outline was given.

INNER MISSION WORK OF THE AUGUSTANA SYNOD

In works of mercy, the Augustana Synod, notwithstanding the heavy drain upon its resources for the support of its educational and missionary work, has developed an activity which places it in the first rank among Lutheran synods and bodies in the country. It has two Deaconess Motherhouses to its credit, seven hospitals, three hospices, ten orphans' homes, eight homes for the aged, three immigrant and seamen's missions, a city mission, a nursery, an invalids home, and a mission cottage to supply various needs. These institutions and agencies are well distributed from the Atlantic seaboard to the Pacific Coast.

DEACONESS MOTHERHOUSES.

The first Motherhouse (*Immanuel*) was established in 1887 by the Rev. E. A. Fogelstrom, then pastor in Omaha, Neb., and has since grown to large proportions, its present Rector, the Rev. P. M. Lindberg, having been elected as successor to its founder, after the latter's decease, in 1906. To furnish the necessary practical training for its sisters, it conducts a hospital, an orphans' home, and school, a home for the aged and invalid, and a boarding school for girls. It has an extensive plant with six large buildings (3 of them quite large) valued at \$176,900, and is contemplating an enlargement of its activities so as to provide for the care of feeble-minded children, for nervous and deranged persons, for epileptics, for the fallen, and for consumptives.

The second motherhouse (*Bethesda*) was established in 1902 by the Rev. C. A. Hultkrans in the City of St. Paul. It grew out of the needs of Bethesda Hospital which was founded in 1880, and which, under his superintendency, has developed into one of the largest and best equipped hospitals in the Twin Cities. It has a property value of over \$200,000 and is making improvements every year. It conducts an Old People's Home (*Bethesda*) at Chisago City, Minn., and a home for invalids not far distant from St. Paul.

HOSPITALS

Besides the two hospitals already mentioned, is the very large one under the superintendency of the Rev. M. Wahlstrom, Ph.D., and known as *Augustana Hospital*. This hospital is located in the great metropolis of the Middle West, Chicago, and has a property value of over \$300,000. The large Swedish population has rendered its establishment a necessity, and it ranks among the best in the city.

Another hospital that has rapidly expanded is the *Swedish Hospital* of Kansas City, Mo., founded in 1906. It has a large building valued at \$60,000 and the internal management of the boarding and nurses department is under the care of Miss E. Bergman. It has a bright future.

Another promising hospital, founded in 1910, is the *Iowa Lutheran Hospital* of De Moines, Ia. It already has a property valued at \$140,000, and while its list of patients is not yet large, it promises to do a useful service in a large way in the future. The youngest institution of this type is *The Lutheran Hospital* of Moline. Already in 1880, Dr. Olsson, then professor at the Seminary, had urged the establishment of a hospital, and out of this agitation grew Augustana Hospital of Chicago. It was not until 1912 that his suggestion to have one in Moline bore fruit. A property was purchased for \$18,000 and on June 20th of this year (1915) the cornerstone of a sixty-room building, to be completed by November, was laid. A large 14-room house is already on the ground and will be used as a nurses home.

HOSPICES

All the hospices (3) under the direct care of members of the Augustana Synod are located in Chicago. In 1906, the Rev. V. J. Tengwald, whose inner mission work took on eight different forms of activity (which were described in detail in the Inner Mission Report of the General Council in 1913) the *Augustana Central Home* for travelers and strangers was founded. The home and other work is at present in charge of the Rev. J. Jespersen, who reports that a book depository has been added and that a nursery is under contemplation.

In 1907, under the enthusiastic leadership of Mrs. C. A. Evald, daughter of the sainted Dr. Erland Carlsson and wife of the lamented Dr. Evald, a very successful home, known as the *Immanuel Woman's Home*, was established. It is meeting a long-felt need, and may be said to have had its inception in the parsonage where two homeless girls had found refuge. During the year 1914, it sheltered 873 girls. It is in charge of Sister Frida Haff.

In the same year, another hospice was begun in another section of the city where 200 inmates have been cared for during the year. Its quarters are still more or less cramped, but under the leadership of Miss M. Carlsson good work is being done. It is known as the *Swedish Lutheran Missionary Home*.

Mention should be made in this connection of *Augustana Mission Cottage* connected with the parish of Dr. Petri, of Minneapolis; for its work, under the superintendency of Sister B. Swensson, is to some extent of this character. Dr. Petri serves a congregation where inner mission work has become an essential part of its activities, and attention deserves to be called to this fact.

ORPHANS' HOMES

There is no dearth of orphanages in the Augustana Synod. Practically every conference has either an orphans' home or a home-finding society. Three conferences, the Illinois, the Iowa and the New York and New England, have more than one. But two things are noticeable as showing a healthy trend in the right direction. The first is, that increasing emphasis is being laid on establishing home-finding societies rather than homes. The second is, that certain homes are being combined under one general management, as is the case in Andover and Joliet. Thus a *Board of Charities* has been elected by the Illinois Conference which, under the superintendency of the Rev. A. W. Stark, the home in Chicago excepted, has brought under one general management four institutions. *The Home for the Aged* in Chicago has as chaplain the Rev. J. N. Brandelle. One is the *Orphans' Home and Farm School* in Andover, established in 1867; a second is the *Swedish Lutheran Orphans' Home* in Joliet; a third is *Salem Home for the Aged* in Joliet. Two years ago a \$5,000 home for the Superintendent was erected. A fourth is *Augustana Home for the Aged in Chicago*. Here is an example of co-ordination that might well be followed in other synods.

The oldest orphans' home in the Augustana Synod is the *Vasa Orphans' Home* at Vasa, Minn., where the venerable historian of the synod, Dr. Norelius, has been located for many years. The home is under the care of Mr. Philip Johnson.

Next in age is the *Gustavus Adolphus Orphanage* of Jamestown, N. Y., founded in 1883. It, together with the *Lutheran Home* at Avon, Mass. (which is under the care of Amelia Rabenius) are near the two ends of the territory covered by the New York Conference. John S. Swenson is superintendent of the former home which has grown to large proportions. It has a fine large building and a family of 70 children. The Avon home has cared for 46 children during 1914.

The *Children's Home* in the parish of Dr. Petri dates back to the year 1896. Mention has already been made of the *Mission Cottage*.

Other orphans' homes of the Augustana Synod (of which we possess no detailed information) are the *Swedish Lutheran*, established in 1881, at Stanton, Ia., and superintended by Mr. L. P. Olin; *Evangelical Lutheran* (1880) at Cleburne, Kans., under the care of the Rev. H. H. Youngberg; and *Swedish Lutheran* (1912) at Stromsburg, Nebr., under the care of the Rev. C. A. Hemborg.

HOMES FOR THE AGED

Of the eight Old People's Homes, one, *Nazareth*, is connected with Immanuel Deaconess Motherhouse, at Omaha, Nebr., already referred to; another, *Bethesda*, with Bethesda Motherhouse at St. Paul, also previously mentioned; another, *Salem*, with the Joliet Orphans' Home; and still another, *Augustana*, with the same Board of Charities referred to above.

The four others are as follows:

1. In 1905, the Iowa Conference took steps to establish at Madrid, Ia., the *Lutheran Old People's Home*. It erected the present building in 1908 and the home is now in charge of Sister Christine Monson, aided by two helpers. An addition to the building is contemplated.

2. In 1907, the Kansas Conference followed suit and established at Lindsborg, Kans., where Bethany College is located, the *Old People's Home*, which already has a property value of \$20,000 and an endowment of \$17,000. The general manager is Mr. F. Johnson and the matron, Mrs. Anna Berg.

3. In 1908, under the inspiration of the Rev. Dr. Jacobson of Brooklyn, steps were taken to establish the *Swedish Augustana Home for the Aged*, located at 1680 60th St. It passed into the hands of the New York and New England Conference and has a property valued at \$35,000. The matron is Miss Elizabeth Hammergren.

4. In 1912, the *Augustana Home* for the aged opened its doors in Chicago and already has a property valued at \$65,000. The chaplain of the Home is the Rev. J. N. Brandelle, and the matron, Miss Elizabeth Dehm. Like the orphan and aged homes at Andover and Joliet, it is under the management of the Board of Charities.

Add to these inner mission activities the Seaman's mission work conducted by the Rev. A. C. H. Helander in New York and by others in Boston, and it can be said with truth that, in its institutional form, the work of inner missions in the Augustana Synod takes the foremost rank. In city missionary activity, its only effort thus far has been made in Chicago. To what extent the inner mission leaven has found its way into the activities of the parish we have no means of knowing. Here is a field, no doubt, that is still waiting to be entered and occupied.

GEO. W. SANDT, *Chairman*.

J. F. OHL, *Secretary*.

For Tabulated Report of Inner Mission Statistics, see Appendix.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. H. E. Jacobs, it was

Resolved, That the Inner Mission Committee's Report be printed in the Minutes in full, and that the Committee be instructed to provide for its proper presentation for discussion at the meetings of the several Synods.

The report, with its recommendations and sundry amendments incorporated in the above document, was adopted as a whole.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Frick, it was

Resolved, That our Inner Mission Committee be instructed to co-operate with other Lutheran Inner Mission Boards and Committees in the holding of regular Inner Mission Conferences, the first Conference to be held not later than 1917.

The report of the Committee on Abstracts was finally acted upon. See Thursday Afternoon Session.

The Rev. Dr. Reed presented the

REPORT OF THE CHURCH BOOK COMMITTEE

The Church Book Committee met in Philadelphia, November 17, 1913, with sixteen members present, and April 6, 1915, with fifteen present.

The committee desires to express its deep regret and its sense of the grievous loss it has sustained in the death of the Rev. Prof. Edward T. Horn, D.D., LL.D., whose eminent abilities and earnest activities as a member of the Church Book Committee and as secretary of the Joint Committee for many years so greatly contributed to the development of sound liturgical science and practice in the American Lutheran Church. Distinguished alike for scholarship and for character, the value of his life and of his work will ever be gratefully acknowledged by the Church as his memory will ever be faithfully cherished by all his associates.

The President of the General Council in April, 1915, appointed the Rev. C. Armand Miller, D.D., a member of the committee.

WORK ACCOMPLISHED

The committee has been most actively engaged in hearty and cordial co-operation with the other representatives in the Joint Committee, in the effort to bring to completion the Common Service Book and Hymnal. The reports of this committee to the General Council in 1911 and in 1913 have indicated some of the detail involved as well as the methods employed and the results attained in the earlier stages of this work. As a matter of record the meetings of the various committees during the past biennium are herewith noted.

The Joint Committee met in Philadelphia for three days, November 17-19, 1913, and for four days, April 6-10, 1915.

The Joint Sub-Committee on Text of the Hymnal met November 12, 1914, and the Joint Sub-Committee on Text of the Liturgy, January 19, 1915.

The Joint Sub-Committee on Music met in Philadelphia, May 20-22, and June 11, 1914; March 9-10 and June 8-9, 1915.

A smaller Sub-Committee on Music met at the Philadelphia Seminary, November 4, 11, 18, 24, and December 2, 8, 16, 22, 1914; January 7, 11, 13, 20, 27; February 3, 10, 16, 23; March 2, 16, 23; April 20, 21; May 5, 12, 13, 14, 26; June 2, 3, 4; July 15, 20, 1915.

The Church Book Committee appointments on the full Joint Sub-Committees remained the same as reported in 1913, with the additional appointments of the Rev. C. M. Jacobs, D.D., as a member of the Committees on Text of the Hymnal and of the Liturgy, and the Rev. Paul Z. Strodach as a member of the Committees on Text of the Liturgy and Music.

The work on the Common Book has been steadily prosecuted by the representatives of the three General Bodies in a spirit of the greatest earnestness and harmony. Although the General Council has fully authorized the Church Book Committee to act for it without further reference to the Council, the committee desires, as a matter of information, to report the more important decisions of the Joint Committee and other work accomplished since the last meeting of the Council.

THE COMMON HYMNAL

The contents of the Hymnal have been considerably modified, about forty-five hymns having been omitted and an equal number of new hymns inserted. The selection is now completed and the collection contains 632 hymns. The critical textual work on all of these is also practically completed.

THE COMMON SERVICE

The following headings have been adopted for the different Services:

THE SERVICE
MATINS
VESPERS

The texts of the Hallelujah and Sentences have been distributed throughout the Propers with the exception of the Sentence for the Passion Season, which is retained in the Service proper.

The historical series of Graduals has been adopted and will be included in the Book, as texts for Choir use between the Epistle and Gospel.

The insertion in the General Prayer of new Collects for Missions, Workers in the Vineyard and Schools of the Church has been approved. Also rubrical permission for a congregational response at the end of each paragraph in the General Prayer.

The historical Proper Preface for Epiphany has been inserted.

The Epistle and Gospel and other Propers for the Transfiguration are appointed for the last Sunday after Epiphany in each year, except when there is only one Sunday after Epiphany.

A rubric has been adopted stating that "the Minister may face the Altar except in parts of the Service which are a direct address to the Congregation." The rubrics throughout the Services have been reduced to the simplest form and number possible, and provision has been made for a body of General Rubrics to contain permissive and explanatory rubrics and other more extended rubrical directions.

THE MUSIC OF THE BOOK

The selection of tunes for the Hymnal has been completed and the critical work on the details of the melody, harmonization, composer and date credits, etc., has also been practically completed.

An appendix will be added to the Book containing certain tunes whose omission might be greatly regretted by some of our congregations, but which the committee deems unworthy of a place in the Book proper.

Two complete musical settings for the Liturgy have been adopted, the one containing the historic melodies, and the other melodies long associated with the English text.

The text of the Psalter will be inserted in the Book without pointing and without music.

MISCELLANEOUS

The following title for the Book has been adopted:

COMMON SERVICE BOOK AND HYMNAL
OF
THE LUTHERAN CHURCH
AUTHORIZED BY
(NAMES OF BODIES.)

An Editorial Committee has been chosen to prepare the book for publication and to carry it through the press. Following is the committee: Drs. Schmauk, Reed (chairman), Mr. Strodach, Drs. C. M. Jacobs and Ohl; Drs. Singmaster, Bell, and Knubel; and Dr. Cronk.

It was resolved to print all editions of the Book from common plates.

The Editorial Committee was instructed to prepare the music edition of the Liturgy and the Hymnal for immediate publication. A meeting of the Joint Committee will be held in November, 1915, at which common forms for Confession and Absolution and for Burial may be adopted.

Inasmuch as the Joint Committee has not reached final decision concerning the inclusion of Ministerial Acts or the Catechism and the Augsburg Confession in the Common Book, the Church Book Committee would request the General Council to authorize it to act for the Council in these matters, giving it authority to determine what shall be included in the first edition of the Common Book, and what shall be printed separately for provisional use.

The following action of the Joint Committee should also receive consideration by the Council:

"Inasmuch as the original designation of the Church in the three ecumenical Creeds and in our Confessions is 'the Holy Catholic Church,' and in order to bring the liturgical usage of our Church into harmony with our time-honored confessional usage, this Joint Committee of the General Council, General Synod and United Synod requests these three General Bodies to authorize the use of the word 'Catholic' instead of 'Christian' in the Apostles' and Nicene Creeds; this change to be made only when adopted by the three Bodies."

The General Synod in May, 1915, adopted the Common Book, and authorized its publication without further reference to that Body. It did not, however, approve the recommendation of the Joint Committee concerning the designation of the Church in the Creeds.

FINAL APPEARANCE OF THE BOOK

With the manuscript of the Hymnal and the music for the same practically completed, and with the work on the Liturgy and its music very well in hand, the Committee hopes to be able to place the manuscript in the printer's hands about January 1, 1916.

The task of enlisting the co-operation of the three General Bodies in this undertaking was laid upon your Committee by the General Council six years ago. The undertaking involved more than the mere revision of a Hymnal and a Liturgy. The three Hymnals in use in the three Bodies were carefully considered, but the Common Hymnal in contents and arrangement is practically a new book, constructed upon broad historical and churchly principles and wide comparative studies.

The Common Service, being in use in three entirely different editions, was first studied with respect to these variations, and then, upon the basis of the liturgical and historical principles which had determined its original preparation, and in the light of the experience of the Church in its use during the past thirty years, was considered constructively; and absolute agreement was reached on every question with the further decision to print all editions from common plates.

In the matter of music no common work had ever been undertaken. Historical, comparative and aesthetic principles as comprehensive as the principles which had determined the preparation of the text itself were applied in the study of the music for both the Liturgy and Hymnal, and again entire agreement was reached in the adoption of tunes and of two complete settings for the Liturgy.

In reporting the practical completion of the work, except for some critical editorial detail and the carrying of the Book through the press, your committee would express its great gratification at the spirit of earnestness and harmony uniformly manifested by the representatives of the three Bodies throughout every stage of the undertaking; and its hope and prayer that the great Head of the Church may abundantly bless the Common Book and its use by His people to His greater labor and glory.

For the Committee,

LUTHER D. REED, *Secretary*

On motion of the Rev. Wm. M. Horn, it was

Resolved, That the request of the Committee for "authority to determine what shall be included in the first edition of the Common Book and what shall be placed separately for provisional use" be granted.

The Rev. Dr. Belfour offered the following:

Resolved, That we disapprove of the substitution of the word "Catholic" for "Christian" in the Apostles' Creed.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Offermann, it was

Resolved, That this motion be referred to the Synods for an expression of opinion.

In the Afternoon Session, the Rev. Dr. Frick offered the following:

Resolved, That the Title be "The Common Service Book."

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Bachmann, it was

Resolved, That the whole matter of Title be referred back to the Church Book Committee with power to act for the General Council, and that, if possible, they make it terser than the one proposed in the Report.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Book be published without the Ministerial Acts in the first edition, if the Committee so elect.

The report was adopted as a whole.

On motion of Rev. Dr. C. M. Jacobs,

Resolved, That a Committee of three be appointed to select the Church Book Committee.

Committee: The Revs. Dr. F. Jacobson, G. F. Gehr, and Dr. H. W. Roth.

The Convention adjourned at half-past twelve o'clock.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Tuesday, September 14, 1:30 P. M.

The Ninth and Closing Session was opened with a devotional service conducted by the Rev. George Gebert, D.D., of Tamaqua, Pa.

The Minutes of the Eighth Session were read and approved.

The President appointed the Committee on Constitutional Revision. See the Saturday Morning Session.

The Report of the Church Book Committee was completed.
See Tuesday Morning Session.

REPORTS OF OFFICIAL VISITORS

The subjoined Reports were referred to Drs. Steimle and Krauss for examination.

REPORT OF THE OFFICIAL VISITOR TO THE GENERAL SYNOD

The General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States of America held its 47th convention in Trinity Lutheran Church, Akron, Ohio, May 26 to June 2, 1915. Owing to the fact that the meeting of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania was held during the same week your delegate, much to his regret, could not be present during the opening days of the convention.

On his arrival he found a body of 240 delegates, representing 1,403 pastors, 1,814 congregations and 248,000 communicant members. Rev. Prof. John A. Singmaster, D.D., of Gettysburg, Pa., the newly elected president, presided. Dr. Frank Manhart, of Selinsgrove, Pa., was re-elected secretary, and Mr. George H. Knollenberger, treasurer.

The reception accorded your delegate both on the part of the Synod and by members of the body was most cordial and considerate. By unanimous action of Synod, he was at once given a seat in the body, and granted the privilege of a voice and vote on the floor of the convention. Monday morning at 10 o'clock was fixed as the hour when the Synod would receive the official message of the General Council.

In his address, your delegate extended the fraternal greetings and good wishes of the Council. Calling attention to the great work and the ever-increasing responsibility which rests upon the Evangelical Lutheran

Church in this country, he laid special stress upon the desirability of a closer union and a more sincere co-operation along practical lines of work in order that the mission of our Lutheran Church in this country might be more effectively accomplished.

He referred to many points of contact and co-operation already existing between the General Synod and the General Council, and made an earnest plea for the adoption of a scheme for arbitration according to rules and regulations mutually agreed upon, to the end that differences and difficulties arising in the prosecution of missionary operations might be adjudicated with fairness and justice to all concerned and that the resources of the Church might be more economically conserved. Dr. Singmaster, the president of the Synod, responded most graciously to the address of the delegate, and among other things declared that "it would be folly and a sin not to co-operate, that in the Providence of God these two bodies which have the largest English work should come to the fullest understanding."

The Committee of the Synod on "Fraternal Relations and Co-operation With Other Lutheran Bodies" brought in a supplementary report respecting the relation of Home Mission Territories as they pertain to the General Synod and the General Council. The report stated, that, while the General Synod re-affirmed its position of 1913, it was determined not to array altar against altar, and church against church. It further recommended that a committee should be appointed to confer with a similar committee from the General Council to consider the whole question more fully with the purpose of coming to decisions as to general principles and practices which should govern the two bodies in their missionary work, and that this committee should report back to the General Synod for consideration and action the proposed principles of operation and the practices which were deemed to be wise and just.

The meeting of the General Synod of 1915 was epochal in view of the far-reaching and constructive character of its action bearing upon both its own internal development as well as upon the larger work of the Church in co-operation with other general bodies.

Especially significant was the adoption of the report of the Joint Committee on a Common Church Book and Hymnal and the report of the Joint Committee on the preparation of a Common Sunday-school Literature.

The merging of the "Lutheran Observer" and the "Lutheran Church Work," and the uniting of the work of the Church Extension Society with that of the Home Mission Board are steps which will undoubtedly make for progress and efficiency.

Your delegate could not but note the hopeful and optimistic spirit which pervaded the convention, due in the main to the favorable character of reports presented, all of which show that commendable progress has been made in all the varied activities of the Synod.

Action was also taken for the proper celebration of the 400th anniversary of the Reformation within the bounds of the General Synod and in

co-operation with other Lutheran Bodies. The next convention of the General Synod will be held in the city of Chicago in 1917.

In concluding this report, your delegate wishes to express his appreciation of the honor conferred upon him by this appointment, and hopes that his mission has been satisfactorily carried out.

Respectfully submitted,

W. D. C. KEITER.

REPORT OF THE VISITOR TO THE UNITED SYNOD SOUTH *To the Honorable President of the General Council.*

Your fraternal visitor to the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South begs leave to report that he attended the Fourteenth Convention of the United Synod, which was held in St. Paul's and Ebenezer Churches, Columbia, S. C., November 10th to 13th, 1914.

The reception accorded the visitor from the General Council was most cordial. There was a real genuineness and sincerity in the words of welcome which the newly-elected President of the United Synod, Dr. M. G. G. Sherer, extended to your visitor. In all the discussions and debates, and in the general conduct of all the meetings, there was evident a deep earnestness, determined purpose, and a strong sense of responsibility. The meetings were conducted in a most dignified manner. There are in the United Synod South a large number of ministers who received their education in General Council institutions in the North. The spirit of the United Synod South appeared in every way to be in thorough accord with the spirit and conviction of the General Council.

There is a constant and steady growth noticeable among Southern Lutherans. The United Synod, which embraces eight Synods, has 266 ministers, 463 churches, and a membership of 76,190. In the biennium 1912-14 4,636 catechumens were added to the church list; there were 2,075 infant baptisms and 471 adult baptisms. The value of all the church property is \$2,352,127.00. The local expenses of the congregations were \$202,178.00.

In the work of foreign missions, which is the work in Japan, and in which there are engaged two missionaries of the General Council, and two of the Danish Church, there was every sign of progress. In the specific field of the United Synod South there are 425 baptized members, and in the associated work, 150. There was appropriated for the work during the next two years \$50,000.00. The value of all the property is \$81,000.00. In the advanced school Kyushu Gakuin there are 400 students, and 16 teachers.

There is also evident a very decided advance in the work of home missions. The various Synods have their independent home missions, but in addition the General Board of the United Synod has under its care 21 missions. There was spent for these \$22,230.00. There is every evidence that the United Synod South is grappling in all earnestness with this problem of the extension of its work.

The United Synod South has two orphans' homes with a combined value of \$68,000.00, and with 115 inmates. Its theological seminary now has four professors and is receiving an increasing number of students. On the territory of the United Synod there are five colleges and four other literary institutions. Of the colleges and other institutions seven are co-educational. The United Synod South makes a very large provision for the education of its women.

Among the notable actions and reports was a report which showed the large and flourishing power of the laymen's missionary movement. In its inner organization the United Synod South gave additional power to its Executive Committee. No Board was allowed to go beyond the sum of \$1,000.00 over and above the apportionment in case of any of its work without approval of the Executive Committee. The purpose of this resolution was to keep a balance in the work of the Boards.

Much time and attention was given to the problem of fraternal co-operation. The United Synod re-affirmed its purpose of co-operating in a general celebration of the Four Hundredth Anniversary of the Reformation. It resolved to raise \$750,000.00 for the causes of the church. The idea of simultaneous meetings in 1917 in a common center was approved. A proposition from the General Synod to arrange for another free conference of Lutherans in the United States was approved, and Dr. Voigt appointed as representative to act.

The North Carolina Synod handed in an overture which had as its purpose an effort to bring about actual union of the Lutheran forces in 1917. In reference to this overture the following resolution was passed:

"We recommend that in view of the obvious fact that present historical developments do not justify any hope of the union of the general bodies named in the near future, the resolution (of the North Carolina Synod) be not concurred with, although we continue to cherish the hope that some day the union of Lutheran forces in this land will be obtained, but since unity exists in the Lutheran Church, since this unity needs to be manifested, and since the unity existing can be manifested by a federation which will take a comprehensive view of all the general work, and thus unify the co-operation now existing:

Resolved, That we appoint a commission and ask the appointment of similar commissions from and by the General Council, the General Synod, and other bodies that may be interested, with this end in view."

The Commission appointed consists of the Revs. Drs. Sherer, Voigt, Fox, Morehead, Greever, Hoppe, Cronk, and Rev. McCullough. The resolution and action of the United Synod calls for a response and action on the part of the General Council.

The fraternal visitor to the General Council is the Rev. R. L. Fritz, D.D., with the Rev. George S. Bowers, D.D., as alternate.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN A. W. HAAS

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON REPORTS OF OFFICIAL VISITORS

Your Committee respectfully reports that it has examined the reports of the Official Visitors to the General Synod and the United Synod South, and brings the following action of the General Synod to the notice of this Convention:

"The Committee of the Synod on 'Fraternal Relations and Co-operation With Other Lutheran Bodies' brought in a supplementary report respecting the relation of Home Mission Territories as they pertain to the General Synod and the General Council. The report stated, that, while the General Synod re-affirmed its position of 1913, it was determined not to array altar against altar, and church against church. It further recommended that a committee should be appointed to confer with a similar committee from the General Council to consider the whole question more fully with the purpose of coming to decisions as to general principles and practices which should govern the two bodies in their missionary work, and that this committee should report back to the General Synod for consideration and action the proposed principles of operation and the practices which were deemed to be wise and just."

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A. STEIMLE.

E. F. KRAUSS.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Steimle, it was

Resolved, That a Commission on Lutheran Unity be appointed, and that the matters referred to in the Reports of the Visitors to the General Synod and the United Synod South be referred to this Committee.

The report was adopted.

The Rev. Dr. Ohl presented the

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON LUTHERAN CHURCH MUSIC AND MUSICIANS

The Committee on Lutheran Church Music and Musicians deeply regrets to be obliged to report that during the last biennium no convocations were held. Though application was made to a number of places, at none were the circumstances at the time considered sufficiently favorable to carry out the committee's program.

Nevertheless, individual members of the committee have not been altogether idle. Mr. Benbow, secretary of the committee, gave organ lecture-recitals in the following churches: St. Mark's, Hanover; St. James, Gettysburg; Trinity, Reading; First Church, Butler; First Church, Warren, all in Pennsylvania; and in Holy Trinity and the Church of the Redeemer, Buffalo, N. Y. The chairman of the committee was also privileged to deliver illustrative lectures on Sunday-school Music at the three days' Bible School Institute held in July at the Theological Seminary, Mt. Airy, Philadelphia, and at the Sunday-school convention of the Norristown Conference, Perkasie, Pa.

It is unfortunately true that the church organ has become a greatly abused instrument. Few organists in these days seem to realize that to the church belongs only what is church-like, and that in the discharge of an organist's functions in the place set apart for worship the secular, the flippant and the insipid must have no place, but only that which ministers to devotion. This is true as it applies to preludes, offertories and postludes, as well as to hymn tunes and choir selections. It is with a view of counteracting false tendencies by illustrating and emphasizing correct principles that Mr. Benbow has inaugurated his lecture-recitals. The following is a representative program:

1. Ein 'feste Burg Faulkes
or
1st movement of Rheinberger Sonata Op. 98, based on the Tonus Peregrinus (9th tone).
2. Intermezzo Dethier
3. a. "Christ stilling the tempest".....
b. "Peace I leave with you".....Malling (Danish)
4. Toccata in F Bach
5. Short talk on the distinctive features of our Lutheran Church Music, emphasizing the part of the congregation as a community of priests, and urging a larger use of the choral.
6. Choral Preludes:—
 - a. "Vater Unser" Heinman (1512)
 - b. "Herzlich thut mich verlangen".....
 - c. "Valet will ich dir geben".....
 - d. "Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier".....Bach (1685-1750)
 - e. A Magyar Choral (XVI Century).
 - f. Schmücke dich" Brahms

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| 8. Grand Choeur | Rogers |
| 9. Nocturne | Frysinger |
| 10. Finale | Hollins |

For his expenses and such a share of the silver offering as the pastor loci may determine, Mr. Benbow is prepared to accept other engagements.

After the appearance of the Common Hymnal, and to facilitate its introduction and use, the committee will probably arrange for a series of convocations in which only the liturgical music and the congregational hymn tune will be considered and illustrated.

Among the difficulties encountered in arranging for convocations is the matter of meeting the expenses for printing, postage, traveling, etc. These are not always covered by the free-will offerings of those who attend the meetings, and either an appropriation should be made for the committee's use, or some other plan devised by which the necessary outlays could be covered.

THE COMMITTEE.

On motion of Dr. Ohl, it was

Resolved, That an appropriation, not to exceed \$300, be made for the use of the Committee on Lutheran Church Music.

The report was adopted as a whole.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Kunzmann, it was

Resolved, That the sum of \$100 be appropriated to pay the traveling expenses of the Delegates from the Pacific Synod.

The Rev. Dr. Keever presented the Necrological Report, and read the characterizations of some of the more prominent brethren. The report was adopted by a rising vote.

REPORT ON NECROLOGY

IN MEMORIAM

Your Committee desires to insert into the Records of this body a brief recognition of the respective pastors and prominent laymen who have entered into life since our last convention. The subjects of our notice deserve far more than the mere mention accorded them in these paragraphs. But it is impossible to depict adequately, even in a many-paged biography, the lofty human characters reared by the Spirit of God through many years and ornamented with numerous graces of Christian attainment. Therefore what is left unsaid must be interpreted not as the silence of neglect, but as the silence of inadequacy.

EDWARD TRAILL HORN, D.D., LL.D. Pastor, author, teacher, scholar—a man. A man who for versatility, breadth of learning, and strength of personality could not easily be excelled. His well-formed character revealed a life that was constructed on principle. Aggressive and firm yet tactful, vigorous yet courtly, masterful yet genial, constituted him a lead-

er whom the Church recognized when she called him to the oversight of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania. A more gifted man never filled the office of bishop. His administrative abilities were also sought when he was elected to serve and later to preside over the Foreign Mission Board. His infectious activity soon made Foreign Missions the leading issue in the Church. Dr. Horn's experience in this field, coupled with his wide learning, served well to equip him for the teaching of Missions and Ethics in the Philadelphia Seminary. Scarcely had he outlined his courses when death beckoned him upward. While often engaged with others of our leaders in gauging the foundations of American Lutheranism, his skill was most apparent in carving the finer tracery of her liturgical worship. Here Dr. Horn's balanced judgment, artistic taste and delicate sense of fitness were at their best. In this department his writings have become textbooks. The Church will probably never know what she owes to him for the part he took in the preparation of the standard text of the Common Service. As a father he was the founder of a home that is recognized as an ornament to the Church. But all the places of honor which he was called upon to fill were outranked by his vocation as a Christian pastor. In this holy office his deep sympathy with depressed and erring humanity, his genial manner, sincerity of motive and love of souls commended him especially to men, and won for him the abiding love of parishioners and students, the devotion of countless friends, and the admiration of acquaintances and strangers. (Died, March 4, 1915.)

HANS ERIC ISAACSON, D.D. In the forefront of Christianity's battle with paganism fell the veteran missionary Isaacson. A gift of the church in Sweden to American missionary effort he justified his citizenship in heaven by giving his talents on behalf of the land of his adoption to redeem the land that is foreign to both earthly countries. Twenty-one years cover the calendar of his achievement, but the Recording Angel alone of all creatures and perhaps some future historians of Christian India will know of his life and death for the glory of Christ. The fact that Dr. Isaacson came from the Augustana Synod would seem to justify that body's relations to the General Council, because of what the former has given, not because of what it has received. In our sainted missionary this has been a vital and not a mechanical contact between the two bodies. In the nativity, life, and service of such men Lutheranism in America is likely to find its solidarity. We pray that Dr. Isaacson's zeal, devotion, and success may inspire other men to carry the good news to the lands beyond the seas. (Died December 2, 1914.)

FRANKLIN REVERE WEIDNER, D.D., LL.D. Last December there entered into the higher court of eternal life one whose faith and deeds will round more and more into view as they recede into history. His accomplishments are so broad and so fundamental that the estimate of a near view is impossible. Some things are too large to be measured, and some too small. To the former belongs the work of Dr. Weidner. His character

was four-square. His personality was massive. He was heroic. His vision for Christ in the Lutheran Church was Pauline; that is, it was bounded only by the outer shores of the continent. And like Paul his sympathies and activities were unshackled by dialect and unconfined by nationality. With him the canons of no particular Synod bore the imprimatur of the Holy Spirit. If ever a Lutheran was catholic, that man was Franklin Revere Weidner. God give us more like him. Although he served congregations, from the very beginning he aspired to be an educator; and here lay his strength and talents. Catching his vision from the sainted Dr. Passavant he assumed the oversight of the Chicago Seminary with a zeal that consumed him. He was a member of the original Educational Committee of the General Council. His labors were titanic; and his sacrifices extended to the immolation of himself. His reading and study were encyclopedic. He had a passion for classification that was scholastic. He seemed to compass the whole range of theological literature for the benefit of his students. His loyalty to the faith admitted of no doubt. His devotion to a task that sometimes hung over him like a frowning cliff, seemed at times to be pathetic. At times he would bend before the blast of circumstance, but he never broke. And yet with all his power and vigor he possessed the soul of a child. What more can be added to the description of characters whose strength and ornament are exhibited in the three Christian graces: Faith, and Knowledge, and Humility? (Died, Jan. 6, 1915.)

SAMUEL LAIRD, D.D. On December 16, 1913, Dr. Laird was called to the church triumphant. His ministry as a pastor was long and distinguished. It began in St. Luke's, Philadelphia, passed to Holy Trinity, Lancaster, Pa., and then to the First Church, Pittsburgh, Pa. Thirty-nine years were spent in Philadelphia, all except four in the service of St. Mark's. In turn he was President of the Pittsburgh Synod and Ministerium of Pennsylvania. A member of the first delegation of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania to the General Council, and thus associated with some of the great leaders of our church, he lent material aid in the great battle for Conservative Lutheranism in America. He was the second English Recording Secretary, and served the Council during eight conventions. His influence was perhaps most widely felt through the channel of the English Home Mission Board whose work he helped to administer for many years. The unpaid missionaries will never forget his stirring appeals for their maintenance. A feature of his pastoral work was the stimulation of lay activity and the devotion of his people to the causes which he advocated on behalf of the whole Church.

HERMANN HENRY BRUNING, D.D. A pastor of the old school relinquished his earthly vocation in October, 1914. Born and reared in the South he always reflected the geniality and optimism that seem to be absorbed from the southern sun. Dr. Bruning's early years were spent in teaching and home mission work. During twenty-five years he was a member of the Examination Committee of the Pennsylvania Ministerium.

Very few men possessed his faith in the efficacy of prayer. He often maintained that the church of today lacks the apostolic gifts because she does not possess the apostolic faith in prayer. His pastoral activities were numerous and fruitful.

THE REVEREND CHARLES J. HIRZEL. A devoted and zealous Christian shepherd was called home in July, 1914, when Pastor Hirzel yielded up his spirit. It seems that in the planting of the church there are two critical periods, the initial stage when the advance missionaries select places and list names of possible members, the subsequent stage when a regular pastor arrives to cultivate the congregational life. The latter, by far the more difficult task, was well accomplished by Pastor Hirzel. A service of thirty-eight years in only two parishes, is an exceptional and honorable record. Pastor Hirzel also took deep and active interest in the Homes for the Aged and Orphans at Germantown.

ALONZO L. YOUNT, D.D. The death of Doctor Yount, on December 14, 1914, is mourned especially by the members of the Pittsburgh Synod among whom he exerted a blessed influence for a quarter of a century. He was a son of the Church in the South, but, apart from a relatively brief ministry to the Church in Nova Scotia, his main work was done in the Ministerium of Pennsylvania and the Pittsburgh Synod. His gifts of sound judgment and reliable leadership contributed in no small degree to the promotion of the missionary and educational work of the Church and shaped the development of his large congregation at Greensburg, Pa. He will long be remembered as a faithful and consistent teacher of the Word of God.

CHRISTIAN G. FISCHER, D.D. On June 9th, 1915, the Lord called the ex-president of the New York Ministerium, the Rev. Christian G. Fischer of the Lutheran Church in Elizabeth, N. J., to his eternal reward after a long and painful illness. Pastor Fischer was a graduate of our Seminary in Philadelphia when it was still located on Franklin street. For 31 years he served the First Lutheran Church in Elizabeth, N. J., which under his pastoral care became a large and influential congregation in the community and in the New York Ministerium. For three years, from 1911 to 1914, he was the faithful and efficient president of the New York Ministerium; as such he was the first vice-president of this Council. For many years he was a member of the Board of German Home Missions of the General Council and during that time the able editor of the *Siloah*. For some years he also edited the "*Deutsche Lutheraner*," when this paper was still controlled by the New York Ministerium. Synod adjourned to attend the funeral services in Elizabeth on June 11th in a body. His earthly remains were laid to rest in the cemetery at Elizabeth.

Others who were called to the Church Triumphant are Pastor B. F. Apple, of Stroudsburg, Pa., Pastor H. T. Clymer, of Tamaqua, Pa., Pastor H. R. Erdman, of Johnstown, Pa., who died in London, England, on the way to visit his mother in Germany, Doctor J. P. Hentz, of Dayton,

O., Pastor J. H. Kitzmiller, former Treasurer of the Pittsburgh Synod, Pastor J. W. Klingler, of Tremont, Pa., Pastor Augustus Rohrig, of Hazleton, Pa., Pastor F. C. Ehinger, pioneer of General Council work in Texas and Canada, Pastor William Hultzberg, of Ravena, N. Y., Pastor Charles G. Spieker, of Scranton, Pa., Pastor G. Schmogrow, of District Synod of Ohio, Rev. Dr. J. Lawson Smith, of Pittsburgh, and Rev. Dr. Wm. J. Miller, of Greensburg, Pa.

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ANDERS HULT was from the beginning of his ministry very much interested in the children and the work among them. In the early part of the 70's he, together with one other minister, began the publishing of the first Swedish Sunday-school paper (*Barnvännen*), that was circulated among the Sunday-schools of the Synod. He edited several small books and publications, of which the chief is the Swedish Bible History that has been used in the Synod for upwards of 30 years.

GUSTAF NELSENIUS, D.D.'s chief work was that of organizer of congregations and founder of churches within the New York Conference. In this line he was an indefatigable worker and many of the congregations in the East owe their existence, humanly speaking, to his untiring zeal and energy. He served as President of the New York Conference for many years.

ANDERS JOHAN ENSTAM was a man of no mean gifts as a student and preacher. In faithfulness did he serve to the extent of his ability wherever he was placed. For several years he was vice-president of the New York Conference.

VICTOR SETTERDAHL, a type of the best among the early lay preachers, served large and flourishing congregations for many years. His academic education may have been limited, but along practical lines and as a popular preacher of the Gospel of Christ, he had very few equals.

EDWARD NELANDER, PH.D., never saw the inside of a theological seminary. He acquired a college education, spent a year or two thereafter as a lay preacher, and was elected president of Bethany College, Lindsborg, Kans., about 1883. He resigned from this position in 1889, and was ordained a minister of the Gospel the same year. His natural gifts for public speaking were above the average, but his health was never very strong. Consequently he labored during a great part of his ministry under physical difficulties that proved in the end impossible to overcome.

OLOF J. SILJESTROM, D.D., was another man of limited education who proved himself of sterling worth as a preacher and pastor. For years he served as president of the Iowa Conference, and did, along with his regular work, not a little writing of a devotional nature in several religious weeklies published within the Synod. His latter days were clouded by illness and a gradual wasting away of his mental faculties.

JOHN MELLANDER, a most lovable and faithful servant of the Lord, passed away while serving as assistant pastor of the Immanuel Deaconess Institute, Omaha, Nebr. For forty years he was in the ministry both in charge of congregations, by himself and also as assistant pastor for many years in the Immanuel Church, Chicago, Ill.

Others connected with this Synod, who have been called to their reward, are Pastor Jonas Alm, Pastor Nils Gibson, Pastor Victor Nelson Thoren, Pastor Georg Reinhold Peterson, Pastor Alfred J. Elmer, Pastor Eric Rehner, Pastor Bernolf Westerland, Pastor Per Erik Fredlund, Pastor Johan Peter Neander, Pastor Carl Otto Swenson, Pastor C. M. Ryden, Pastor P. J. Eckman, Pastor Peter Beckman, Pastor Johan Victor Söderman, and Pastor John Holcomb.

LAYMEN

The Lutheran Church provides abundant opportunity for the service of devout and active laymen. The efforts of the pastors in well-doing must be promoted by the assistance of the laity in all departments of the church's activities. Such devout laymen therefore deserve recognition. Among those who have been called to the heavenly home the following may be mentioned:

The Honorable Charles A. Schieren, of Brooklyn, N. Y., a benefactor of both Muhlenberg College and the Mt. Airy Seminary, Hon. Henry Martin, of Utica, N. Y., active in founding and extending English Mission work in central New York, Dr. N. F. Quales, of Chicago, Mr. T. D. Fritch, of Bethlehem, Pa., Mr. John G. Zimmele, a staunch Lutheran of Philadelphia, Pa., Mr. W. Warren Wattles, a prominent laymen of Pittsburgh and member of the Porto Rico Mission Board. Mrs. Ida A. Neudoerffer, one of our faithful medical missionaries in India, Sister Caroline Ochse, a devout and zealous deaconess of the Milwaukee Motherhouse, Mrs. Sigrid Amelia Blomgren, wife of Dr. C. A. Blomgren, of the Augustana Synod, Mrs. Lillian Weaver Cassaday, founder of our Italian Lutheran work.

These men and women of many states and tongues, brethren, are resting from their labors, but the works that follow them testify that by future generations they will be recognized as the early Master-builders of the American Lutheran Church.

Respectfully, the Committee on Necrology,

EDWIN F. KEEVER, *Chairman.*

W. L. HUNTON,

G. A. BRANDELLE.

On motion of Rev. Dr. Ohl, it was

Resolved, That this Committee be constituted the Standing Committee on Necrology.

The Rev. Dr. Spaeth presented the following substitute for the printed

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

During the past biennium the Board of Education has held meetings as follows:

On Tuesday, Nov. 25, 1913, at Allentown, Pa.

On Wednesday, April 15, 1914, at Rock Island, Ill.

On Saturday, Sept. 11, 1915, at Rock Island, Ill.

The officers of the board are:

Rev. F. A. Kaehler, D.D., President.

Rev. H. Douglas Spaeth, D.D., Recording Secretary.

Rev. E. P. Pfatteicher, Ph.D., Corresponding Secretary.

Rev. W. A. Beates, Treasurer.

It is with deep sorrow that we report the death, during the biennium, of the Board's first president, the Rev. Dr. Revere F. Weidner. Inasmuch as suitable resolutions will undoubtedly be offered by the proper Committee, action of the Board does not here appear.

The Board has likewise been deprived of the very efficient services of its president, the Rev. J. W. Horine, D.D., owing to his removal from the boundaries of the General Council. Dr. Horine was intensely interested in the Educational problems of the church, and devoted much time and study to their solution.

Since the last meeting of the General Council, the Board has published Dr. Horine's paper on "Religious Instruction in Our Colleges" in pamphlet form. It has also had a number of the more important papers, read at the Rock Island convention of 1914, published in an educational number of the "Lutheran Church Review."

On recommendation of the Board of Education a conference of the heads and representatives of our Educational Institutions was held at Rock Island in April, 1914. Papers on vital subjects were read by a number of our leading educators. Very helpful discussions followed the reading of the papers. The attendance was large and representative, and the desire to achieve definite results very manifest. We wish to record our appreciation of the courtesy of the authorities of the College and Seminary at Rock Island in making possible this important conference.

It was resolved to hold a second informal conference for the discussion of problems affecting especially our Theological Seminaries, this conference to take place in the Denkman Library following the adjournment of the General Council. The program is as follows:

"The Advantages and Disadvantages of Student Preaching," Prof. H. E. Jacobs.

"Elective Courses in the Seminary," Prof. Preston A. Laury.

"Methods of Theological Instruction," Prof. C. J. Soedergren.

"How May a State University be of Service to a Theological Seminary?" Prof. P. W. H. Frederick.

"Preaching," Prof. G. H. Gerberding.

"The Grouping of Subjects in Departments," Prof. H. Offermann.

Your Board was represented at the Council of the Church Boards of Education held in Washington, D. C., in 1914, by its President and Corresponding Secretary. It was again represented at the same Council in 1915 by Drs. Haas, and Gerberding.

At the meeting of the Council of Church Boards of Education it was resolved to begin a nation-wide campaign in the next few years in behalf of Christian Education. Our Board was invited to participate and to contribute toward the necessary expenses. In response to this invitation your Board stated:

First, that there were no funds appropriated to us by the General Council to permit the promise of any contribution.

Second, that our Colleges and Institutions were under the jurisdiction of the Synods, and that we have no power in our Board to bring about their co-operation in any general campaign.

In response to the request of the Pittsburgh Synod, that action be taken looking toward the training of Lay-workers in the Church, the General Council having directed the appointment of a Committee to be composed of members of the Board of Education and the Committee on Inner Missions, we beg to report that two meetings were held in Philadelphia, at which the subject was thoroughly discussed and a tentative program for the education of Lay-workers, presented by Rev. E. F. Bachmann, D.D., was adopted by the Committee.

Your Board offers the following recommendations:

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That all the religious work being done in Universities and Colleges be placed under the supervision of the Board of Education.
2. That two years hence the Committee on Religious Work in Universities and Colleges be merged with the Board of Education.
3. That, in the founding of Educational Institutions on Missionary Territory, of the General Council, its Board of Education be consulted and its advice sought.
4. That the attention of our Institutions be again called to the importance of forwarding their catalogues to the Corresponding Secretary of the Board.

The Treasurer's Report is appended.

H. DOUGLAS SPAETH,
E. P. PFATTEICHER.

Secretaries.

The Recommendations of the Board were adopted, excepting the second, for which, on motion of the Rev. Dr. C. M. Jacobs, it was

Resolved, That the Board of Education be instructed to appoint a committee to confer with a similar committee from the Committee on Religious Work in Universities and Colleges, on a possible plan for merging the said Board and the said Committee, and to present a report at the next meeting of the General Council.

The report was then adopted as a whole.

A summarized and audited Treasurer's report was substituted for the one in print, and adopted.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

From Sept. 21, 1913, to Sept. 9, 1915.

Debits

Balance on hand, Sept. 21, 1913	\$49 20
Received from N. Y. and N. E. Synod	33 72
Received from Treasurer of General Council	500 00
Total	\$582 92

Credits

Printing and Postage	\$38 25
Paid to Council of Church Board of Education	22 92
Traveling Expenses of Board Members	508 73
Balance in Treasury	13 02
Total	\$582 92

Respectfully submitted,

W. A. BEATES, *Treas.*

Sept. 13, 1915. Audited and found correct.

FRANK C. OBERLY,
G. H. GERBERDING.

Rev. P. O. Bersell presented the

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Your Committee desires to report that the Items of Unfinished Business of 1913, given in the Documents, and in the present Minutes, page 36 have been acted upon, with the exception of the following:

V. Foreign Missions.

P. 57. Transfer of property by Trustees to Foreign Board.

There is no record that this has been done.

P. 127. Details of the All-India Conference.

P. 127. Confessional statement, etc.

P. 127. Board to correspond with other Boards concerning All-India Conference.

These matters have not been attended to.

VI. Inner Missions.

P. 182. Action concerning the ports of Boston and Canada.

There is no record of work done by the Augustana Synod at Boston among others than their own nationality, nor of work in Canadian ports by the Canada Synod.

P. 264. "Open Church" resolution referred for consideration and development to the Inner Mission Committee.

This has not been attended to.

VII. Next Convention.

P. 194. Large map to be prepared.

Has this been attended to? (1)

P. 196. Proposed meeting on the Pacific Coast in 1919. No report. (2)

P. 194. Committee on improvements and reorganization. No report. (3)

P. 276. Standard size of synodical Minutes. (4)

IX. Publication Matters.

P. 149. Lutheran and Young Folks should devote more space to missionary news. Has this been done?

Pp. 175, 176. German Parish Papers. Has Committee reported? (5)

P. 290. Juvenile monthly for grades between Pictureland and Bible History. Nothing reported. (6)

P. 291. Dr. Sandt's proposition to publish, in addition to The Lutheran, a dollar weekly, etc., made a special order for this year.

P. 163. Publication Board authorized to fill vacancies among Staff Correspondents. Has this been done? (7)

S. G. OHMAN, *Chairman.*

P. O. BERSSELL, *Secretary.*

Explanations and action on several items as follows:

1. On motion it was

Resolved, That the Rev. G. Keller Rubrecht be requested to prepare such map for the 1917 Convention.

2. On motion of the Rev. Dr. Whitteker, it was

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to take up the matter of a 1919 meeting on the Pacific Coast.

3. The President declared this Committee non-existent, the Synods not having appointed laymen thereon.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Hunton, it was

Resolved, That the Chairman of Synodical Delegations be instructed to draw particular attention in their reports to their respective synods to the resolutions of the General Council.

4. There is improvement in this regard.

5. Steps were being taken in 1914 for parish papers in the Canada Synod, but they must wait until the close of the war.

6. See Sunday-school Work Committee report.

7. On "Der Deutsche Lutheraner," vice Rev. H. Erdmann, deceased, the Rev. Ernst A. Tappert has been elected Staff Editor.

The report was adopted as a whole.

The Rev. Dr. Frick presented the

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RELIGIOUS WORK IN UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES

Denominational religious work in universities and colleges has passed the experimental stage. It is no longer a series of efforts based upon mere theory. It has already produced most excellent and blessed results.

The strategic importance of distinctive religious work among the men and women who will be the future leaders in thought and life can no longer be questioned. To hold them to the Church is not only the Church's solemn duty to them and to her Lord, but it is even necessitated by the fundamental law of self-preservation. If the Church of the future is to sing with intelligent enthusiasm, "Like a mighty army moves the Church of God," then must the Church of the present develop and conserve leadership. This is of specially vital interest to the Church because of the decidedly secular and even anti-religious tendency of much so-called American higher education. As the loss of a commander who turns traitor is in effect equivalent to the loss of two, because he enters the camp and employ of the enemy; so the loss of the coming leaders now being trained in our great secular centres of learning is in effect also a strengthening of the Church's opposition.

Other denominations have awakened to the great importance of these things, and are beginning to place some of their strongest men as spiritual life-guards at different universities, and surely the great Church of the Reformation, with her more positive Scriptural teachings, has even more at stake than these. For our Church to hold these coming leaders true to her and to her faith is also to hold the leadership in the future development of the religious faith and life of our great country.

For a statement of the marvelous growth in the enrollment in our American universities, and the consequent urgency of the situation, see report of this committee in Minutes for 1913, page 285.

What, then, has been done by our Church, or more specifically, by the General Council? For a summary review of our past efforts we would also refer to report in Minutes for 1913, page 286. It is our present purpose to give a brief summary of the work done during the last biennium.

The work at the University of Wisconsin, in charge of the Rev. Howard R. Gold, and at the University of Minnesota, in charge of the Rev. C. A. Wendell, has produced excellent results, and with proper support during the coming biennium it promises still greater things for our Church.

At Minneapolis.—Soon after the beginning of the biennium the Rev. Dr. Gustaf Rast resigned as Student Pastor, thus leaving a temporary vacancy; but Dr. Rast kindly kept in touch with the work until his successor was selected. The committee felt itself singularly fortunate in securing the Rev. C. A. Wendell as Dr. Rast's successor. Pastor Wendell took up his work in July, 1914, also beginning his pastorate of Grace English and Sharon Swedish Churches, Minneapolis. These two churches have under his leadership been consolidated and are now making plans for the erection of a \$30,000 church close to the university campus. He has done splendid work among the students, finding upward of 500 Lutherans among them. Many of the students are attending his services. A students' Bible Class has been organized. He has given addresses before the Y. M. C. A. and the Y. W. C. A., taken part in the chapel services and addressed the students at their clubs. Two well-attended *Students' Luncheons* were given during the past year, Governor Eberhardt being the principal speaker at the first and the Rev. Mr. Gold at the second. The *Students' Luncheon* will be made an annual affair. Additional Lutheran periodical literature has been placed in the university library. A careful registration of all Lutheran students is being kept, and much personal work is being done. Pastor Wendell is very hopeful of the future. In addition to his work at Minneapolis Pastor Wendell has also done work at other points, as will be noted below.

At Madison.—The work at this point has moved steadily forward. At the opening of the university in the fall of 1913 the reception to the students was attended by over 200. A very commodious house of worship, Luther Memorial Church, has lately been erected at a cost of nearly \$20,000. It is equipped with the necessary rooms for such work and is near the university. A number of students regularly attend the services, and many take part in the church's various activities. A Students' Bible Class is also being conducted. During the biennium a committee of students raised in cash and pledges \$1,620 among the student body for the new church. One student entered our Chicago Seminary last fall, and others are now in line for the Lutheran ministry. In January President John A. W. Haas delivered the monthly Convocation Address before the

university students, there being about 2,500 present. He made two other addresses at the university and was guest of honor at a faculty luncheon under the auspices of the university pastors. He also preached in our University Church and spoke at a Lutheran banquet given in his honor. Pastor Gold attended the American Conference of Church Workers at Chicago, a Special Conference at Cleveland, and a Student Conference at Lake Geneva, where he had charge of the Lutheran group, and found some candidates for the ministry. He also addressed the Lutheran students at the University of Minnesota. Plans for other developments are under way, and, now that a convenient church in a conspicuous place is available, the coming year promises even larger results than have as yet been attained.

In addition to the above local work by our two Student Pastors, a beginning of extension work has been made. Rev. Mr. Wendell visited the State Normal School at Valley City, N. D., and effected an organization of the Lutheran students there. He also put himself in touch with the State Agricultural School at Ames, Iowa, with a view to organizing work there.

Considerable work has thus been done with the resources placed in our hands by the Synods of this body; and by scrupulous economy we have *just about come to the point where a forward movement in the way of greatly enlarging our work in the immediate future has become possible.*

Finances.—The apportionment laid by this body in 1913 for the work of this committee was \$5,000 a year, or \$10,000 for the biennium, but so far only \$3,820.74 has come to our hands, and of this amount a great part was on the apportionment for the last year of the 1911-13 biennium. It should also be said that a good part of this came in only within recent months, so that until then our work was somewhat hampered, and larger plans for the future would have been very uncertain. This accounts for our present financial balance, as below. A good part of the apportionment for this last year has, of course, not yet been paid in. The fuller financial statement for the biennium is as follows:

Balance September 1, 1913.....	\$	44	73
Receipts during the biennium:			
From Augustana Synod	\$	1,350	00
From Synod of Northwest		886	66
From District Synod of Ohio		541	52
From Pittsburgh Synod		536	26
From Ministerium of Pennsylvania		498	30
From Synod of Central Canada		8	00
		3,820	74
Total	\$	3,865	47

Expenditures during the biennium:

To Rev. H. R. Gold, Salary	\$ 1,269 98
To Rev. G. Rast, D.D., Salary	374 84
To Rev. C. A. Wendell, Salary	583 29
For General Expenses	293 63
	2,521 74

Balance August 13, 1915.....\$ 1,343 73

We, the Auditing Committee, have gone over the records covering the last two years' transactions, L. F. Gruber, Treasurer, and find the above statement to be correct to date, August 13, 1915, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

A. A. STOMBERG.

O. GRIMSRUD.

RECOMMENDATIONS

We beg leave to make the following recommendations:

1. That this work receive the hearty moral and financial support of all the Synods of this body, so as to enable the committee greatly to enlarge its sphere of operations.

2. That this support be adequate to enable the committee to employ an itinerant university student pastor, as field or extension secretary for the organizing of the work in other educational centres, the same to be placed in the hands of special university pastors, or of the local pastor or pastors, as the case may require.

3. That all work so organized be continued under the direction of the one central committee.

4. That this body ask the Synods to make the same apportionments for the biennium before us as it did at its last convention at Toledo, and that, as far as possible, these apportionments be paid.

BY AUTHORITY OF THE COMMITTEE,

WILLIAM K. FRICK, *Chairman*.

The report, with its Recommendations, was adopted.

The Rev. Dr. Stump presented the

REPORT ON THE “ALLGEMEINE KONFERENZ” OR THE INTERNATIONAL LUTHERAN CONFERENCE

Your Committee on International Lutheran Conference begs leave to submit the following:

We recommend that a committee be appointed whose duty it shall be to correspond or confer with the proper authorities in the other Lutheran bodies as to the feasibility of establishing an American Lutheran Federation, which shall be simply of a deliberative and advisory character and which shall, if possible, include all the existing bodies in America which are on a sound Lutheran basis; with the purpose, ultimately, of forming

an American Branch of a genuine International Lutheran Conference embracing various branches in addition to the parent German Branch.

T. E. SCHMAUK,
HENRY E. JACOBS,
GEORGE W. SANDT,
J. F. OHL,
JOSEPH STUMP.

The report was adopted.

The Rev. Dr. Ohl presented the

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON DEACONESS WORK

During the past biennium the female diaconate has made some progress within the Lutheran Church in this country, the number of Sisters having increased from 357 reported in 1913 to 364 on July 15th of the present year. According to the report of the Eleventh Conference of Evangelical Lutheran Deaconess Motherhouses in the United States, held May 20-22, 1914, in the Norwegian Lutheran Deaconess Institute at Minneapolis, Minn., these Sisters are engaged in 22 different kinds of service in 82 institutions and fields of labor, including hospitals and hospices, homes for orphans and aged, for invalids and epileptics, kindergartens and schools, Jewish Mission, Home Mission and Foreign Mission work. The female diaconate has indeed by this time developed sufficiently to furnish ample proof for the truth of the statement in the report submitted to the General Council in 1909 by the late Dr. Spaeth, the former chairman of this committee, that "the growth of the diaconate means the growing efficiency of the Church in reaching the unchurched masses and the successful solution of many problems of Inner Mission work." While we must make provision for the training of salaried assistants in various fields of the Church's missionary and charitable activities, the solution of problems will be simplified by an ever increasing number of thoroughly trained and consecrated deaconesses. For this reason your committee expresses the hope, that all the Synods have acted favorably on the resolution passed at the last convention of the General Council recommending, that "Septuagesima Sunday be designated as especially adapted to call the attention of the congregations to the great importance of the female diaconate and to the opportunities for most blessed and necessary service in the vineyard of the Lord."

Your committee desires also to record its appreciation of the action taken by the Women's Missionary Federation of the General Council at their Toledo convention two years ago, when a special Committee on Deaconess Work was appointed to further the propaganda for this cause in their local societies as well as at their conventions. We have been informed that the diaconate has been assigned a place in their mission studies, and that a special edition of a descriptive and illustrated booklet has been published for distribution at this convention of the General Council.

Within your committee the question of the official relation of the General Council to the diaconate has been raised as bearing on the standing of the deaconess in the Church. In 1904 the Augustana Synod identified itself with the work of the Immanuel Deaconess Institute in Omaha, Nebraska, founded in 1887 by the late Rev. E. A. Fogelström, and the Minnesota Conference of the Augustana Synod holds the same relation to the Bethesda Deaconess Home in St. Paul, Minnesota. The Lutheran Deaconess Motherhouse at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, the outgrowth of the Institution of Protestant Deaconesses, organized by the late William A. Passavant, D.D., at Pittsburgh in 1850, and the Mary J. Drexel Home and Philadelphia Motherhouse of Deaconesses, organized in 1888, are both the results of individual and private efforts, yet both are placing themselves without reserve at the service of the Church. Especially in the case of the last-named Motherhouse a change of the charter would involve serious difficulties, if it be possible at all, as the Board of Directors are practically the trustees of the Lankenau estate, elected in accordance with the provisions in his last will and testament. The question has been raised, whether these two Motherhouses in consecrating their Sisters are setting them apart for the Lord's service in the name and by authority of the Church or not? Though the question may have little or no influence on the character of the service rendered, yet in view of the fact that by all other denominations in this country engaged in deaconess work, the diaconate has been recognized by a special resolution of the General Body, as an office of the Church, your committee recommends the following action:

Resolved, That the General Council hereby interprets the repeated recommendations of the deaconess cause since 1886 and the appointment of a standing Committee on Deaconess Work since 1893 as the official recognition of the female diaconate in the organization of the Church.

We cannot close our report on the present status of the female diaconate without referring to the important and heroic services rendered by the same in nearly all the countries involved in the great European war. The labors of the deaconesses have won the admiration and their sufferings the sympathy of all fair-minded men. Thousands of German deaconesses are nursing the wounded, often within range of the enemy's artillery; thousands of others attend those transferred to the many civic and military hospitals throughout Germany; scores have shared the hardships of the repeated Russian invasions suffered by East Prussia and Galicia; some German deaconesses were driven from Belgium at the outbreak of the war, others expelled from England somewhat later; of the Motherhouse at Königsberg, East Prussia, 60 Sisters were carried off as prisoners of war to Paris on most serious charges, which eventually were found utterly baseless by the French Court, but their innocence did not protect them from most shameful treatment and abusive personal violence until returned by way of Switzerland; another group of the same Motherhouse was taken to St. Petersburg, but, though prisoners of war, their treatment by Russian army officers and civilian officials was very considerate until they

were permitted to return by way of Sweden. No word has reached us from the Lutheran deaconesses in France and Russia, but we are safe in assuming that their labors and their sufferings, when finally recounted, will be an inspiration to all servants of Christ. Also the Motherhouses in neutral countries have experienced great difficulties as a result of the war. Those of Holland have done a great and noble work among the Belgian refugees and among the sick and wounded soldiers who crossed the Dutch border in order to escape the victorious German armies, and the Motherhouses in Switzerland suffer also from the effects of the industrial depression and the scarcity of foodstuffs in their war-surrounded country. With grateful satisfaction we are able to report that the Sisters of our Motherhouses in the United States have contributed up to this time more than fifteen hundred dollars towards the relief work of the Motherhouses in the most afflicted districts of Germany, Austria and Poland. Your committee suggests that those Motherhouses with their many parish Sisters are exceptionally well adapted for the effective distribution of relief, and they are exceedingly grateful for the assistance rendered by those of their own household of faith in our land of peace and plenty. The female diaconate has never been appreciated as highly as today, when put to the severest tests, and when working side by side with other organizations for nursing and relief work. Our prayers go up to Almighty God for peace and good will to all men, and for His blessing and protection upon all His handmaidens serving in His Name. Let us also by our gifts strengthen and fill the hands of these messengers of mercy! The Philadelphia Motherhouse has undertaken to forward funds to a representative of the Kaiserwerth Conference in Germany, whose intimate knowledge of the changing needs assures the best possible use of all contributions. May the love of Christ constrain us to show forth our faith by our works, and may even the diaconate in this country experience a more rapid growth as a result of the religious awakening caused by the present tremendous crisis in human history!

THE COMMITTEE.

The incorporated motion giving official recognition to the Female Diaconate in the organization of the Church was unanimously adopted, as was also the report as a whole.

The Rev. Dr. Hunton presented the

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON STATISTICS

Your Committee on Uniform Statistics would respectfully report, that in accordance with the action at the last convention (Min. 1913, p. 276) an effort has been made to gather information concerning the methods and blanks for statistics in use in other general bodies. We find that there is practically no uniformity and that the same rubric often means a different basis in one synod from what it means in another. We have also found that even the synods of the General Council do not use uni-

form methods or uniform bases for gathering and reporting their various statistical items of congregations and of church activities. We would therefore recommend:

1. That the Committee be authorized to continue its work and report its findings when in its judgment it has worked out in conference with others principles and methods for gathering and computing statistics which will be more uniform and more reliable, hence more valuable.

2. That in view of the variations in form of presentation of some of the statistics in the reports of our own district synods, as well as a lack of uniformity in arrangement which makes comparison and computation difficult we would again call attention to the recommended rubrics adopted at Toledo two years ago.

3. The Committee has reviewed this form of statistical report and submits herewith a tabular arrangement, recommending that it be so printed in the forthcoming minutes as a guide and that the Board of Publication be requested to issue this form as a Parochial Blank to be secured by the several district synods for their use, if the several synods so desire, thus naturally securing a uniform arrangement and a more nearly equitable statistical basis.

4. The Committee would also respectfully suggest that in the preparing of all statistical blanks those items which are peculiar to any section of the church, be so arranged in the forms as not to be interspersed between those which are common to other sections of the church. A uniform order and the following out of this simple suggestion will at once make all statistics more usable, and more valuable.

5. As the Council at the last convention created the office of Statistician, and selected a man eminently qualified for such a position, we would recommend that in order to avoid any possible conflict or confusion, that the statistician be ex-officio a member of this Committee. This will result to the mutual advantage of both the statistician and the Committee.

6. In view of the fact that special instructions were given to compile mission and inner mission statistics separately, your Committee for this year's report confines itself strictly to a brief summary of the general statistics, reporting as follows:

The statistics for the year 1914 are: Synods, 13; conferences, 58; ministers, 1,688; congregations, 2,547; baptized members, 769,456; confirmed members, 504,023; value of church property, \$32,894,188; local expenses, \$3,929,003; benevolence, \$709,402.95; Parochial schools, 620; teachers, 754; pupils, 26,818; Sunday-schools, 1,032; officers and teachers, 29,725; pupils, 279,697; men's societies, 120; members, 6,880; women's societies, 412; members, 22,580; young people's societies, 1,199 members.

The statistics which we have been able to gather for the current year are as follows: Synods, 14; conferences, 60; ministers, 1,730; congregations, 2,599; baptized members, 773,458; combined membership, 494,501.

The value of church property, \$32,926,060; local expenses, \$4,028,273; benevolence, \$807,089.41; Parochial schools, 635; teachers, 862; pupils, 23,322; Sunday-schools, 1,297; officers and teachers, 31,852; pupils, 290,-960. The societies for the present year in the reports are so incomplete as to render it impossible to furnish statistics which are sufficiently reliable to be of value.

7. To facilitate the work of the Committee in the future, we would urge that synods stress the importance of reporting every item included in the rubrics and that secretaries be requested to forward promptly to the statisticians all available facts and figures after each convention of synod.

Respectfully submitted,
THE COMMITTEE.

(Name of Synod)

PAROCHIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING MAY 1, 19..

Name of Congregation Organized
Location of Church
Name and Address of Pastor Ordained Entered Synod.....

STATISTICS

MEMBERSHIP	FINANCES
Accessions: Baptism—Infant Baptism—Adult Confirmation Letter Reinstatement Total Accessions	Congregational: Value of Church Property Value of Parsonage Amount of Endowment Indebtedness Contribution for Current Expenses.... Special Expenses Total Expenses
Losses: By Death By Transfer By Removal By Exclusion Total Losses Net Gain (or loss)	Benevolence Synodical: Synodical Expenses Theological Expenses Colleges Beneficiary Education
Present Confirmed Membership: Baptized Children in Congregation ... Total Baptized Membership Number Communed During Year	Orphans: Minister's Relief Fund Inner Mission
Students: In Lutheran Institutions In Non-Lutheran Institutions Preparing for the Ministry Preparing for Deaconess Work Total	General Council: English Home Missions German Home Missions Swedish Home Missions Foreign Missions Porto Rico Missions Slav Missions Jewish Missions Church Extension Board of Education Immigrant Missions Kropp Seminary
Secretary of Congregation Address Lay Delegate to Synod Address Alternate Address Number of Copies of Minutes Wanted: By Regular Claim By Purchase	General: Local Charity Other Purposes Total Benevolence Grand Total Contributions

SCHOOLS AND SOCIETIES

	Number	No. G. C. Graded S. S.	No. Ungraded Only	No. Days	Teachers and Officers	Pupils or Members	Current Expenses
Schools:							
Sunday							
Parochial							
Kindergarten							
Societies:							
Men's							
Women's							
Young People's ..							
Luther Leagues ..							

NOTA BENE:—This above report must be executed in duplicate and one copy mailed to Chairman, Committee on Parochial Statistics, and one to the Statistician of the General Council (For address see General Council Minutes of last Convention) not later than Adopted by Committee on Uniform Statistics of the General Council. (Minutes 1913, Pages 276 and 317.)

WE HEREBY CERTIFY THAT Mr.
and Mr. have been duly elected delegate and alter-
nate respectively, to represent
(Name of Church)
at the annual convention of Synod at
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Pastor
.....
Secretary

NOTE.—Please mail this credential to the Secretary of Synod not later than one week before the meeting of Synod. (Resolution of Synod.)

The report was adopted as a whole, thereby constituting the Statistician ex-officio a member of the Committee on Statistics.

The Secretaries presented in print the

REPORT OF THE STATISTICIAN

In connection with my appointment as Statistician at the last convention of the General Council in accordance with the recommendation of the Finance and Budget Committee (Minutes 1913, page 128, paragraph 5) I endeavored at different times during the past two years through correspondence with Dr. Schmauk, Dr. Frick and Mr. W. H. Hager to ascertain the exact duties planned for this office as the recommendation above referred to is very indefinite in this respect, but all my efforts were in vain.

With my first letter to Dr. Schmauk, I submitted a form of "Parochial Report" following the recommendation of the Committee on Statistics (Minutes 1913, page 274) with a view to having same adopted, if found satisfactory, in order to secure uniform and accurate reports from all congregations of the different Synods in this body and forwarded copies of the correspondence to Dr. Frick and Mr. Hager, Dr. Frick

presented his views in the matter and Mr. Hager advised that no doubt the President had some definite work mapped out for me and I would evidently hear from him relative to same.

Under date of June 25, 1915, I received a letter from Rev. J. H. Streng, who wrote at the request of Dr. Schmauk, that he had taken up the matter of uniform report blanks and I "would probably hear more about it in a little while," also that in the stress of other business he had pushed it aside and assured me that it will now be attended to. Up to this time I have had no further advice. Consequently, other than the above, nothing was done during the past biennium.

Secretaries of Synods should make it a point to forward a copy of the minutes of all conventions to the Statistician. Only a very few copies were received during the last two years.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. HEMSING, *Statistician*.

It was accepted and ordered spread on the Minutes.

On motion of Mr. Snyder, it was

Resolved, That the Finance and Budget Committee define the duties of the Statistician.

The Rev. Dr. Keister presented the

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON JEWISH MISSION WORK

"Salvation is of the Jews," so said our Saviour. Every Christian who has given a moment's thought to the historic setting of his most holy faith, knows this to be a fact from the unfolding of the Providence of God also. While "blindness in part is happened to Israel," yet "God hath not cast away his people."

When the Jews refused to hear the Gospel at the first, in the good providence of God, it was given to the Gentiles, and thus the Gentiles obtained a precedence over the Jews. It is high time for us, Gentile Christians, to recognize and to endeavor to repay our debt of gratitude to Israel for the salvation which came to us through that nation, by giving back to that people a true knowledge of God's revelation. "Even so have these also now not believed, that through your mercy they also may obtain mercy."

For another period of two years, your committee has been endeavoring to discharge the duties entrusted to it, and has given the Gospel to Israel in the measure that you have furnished the committee with the means for the work. It has been the policy of this committee from the first to push the work only as the means for the work were at hand. For a large part of the biennium the means for the support of the one mission were meagerly supplied. The missionary was compelled to give a part of his time to the work of presenting the cause and awakening interest

in the work among the churches in order that the means for the continuance of the work might flow into the treasury. His efforts have been so successful that during the past few months the treasury has been well supplied. In fact a substantial balance remains in the treasury for the continuance and enlargement of the work, as an examination of the treasurer's report shows. Still do not overlook the fact that only one-half of the apportionment of \$7,000 was paid into the treasury.

The committee rejoices in the evidence of awakened interest, of which the treasurer's report of recent months is an index. With the promise of more generous support the committee is confronted by another difficulty, that of finding a suitable man for the work of establishing a new station. For this "Pray ye the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into his harvest." Jewish Mission work requires a peculiar talent; for not only is there the *want* of true knowledge of the Gospel to be supplied, but there is the deep-seated *prejudice* against the Gospel to be overcome. The missionary must understand modern Jewish thought, in order that he may be able to meet the objections and answer the questions that the Jewish mind suggests. He must have an inexhaustible supply of patience and of the grace of perseverance; besides the consecration of heart and life, and the mental attainments required in all missionary work. The Lord can give us such a man. "Pray ye."

MISSIONARY LEGUM'S ACTIVITY

Our missionary, the Rev. John Legum, has given himself unreservedly to the work. "not sparing himself." The confinement in the mission room and the close application to the work made such inroads in his health and strength that it was necessary for him to leave the work in the mission for a time this spring. During that time he served the mission efficiently by traveling among the churches, presenting the cause of Jewish Missions. It is possible that during that period he, by spreading information, awakened that interest which will make the inauguration of the contemplated new mission in Philadelphia a possibility in the near future.

A review of the activities of our missionary during the biennium reveals these facts: That he has preached in the General Council churches on an average twice a week, that he has spent an average of five hours daily in the mission headquarters at Logan and Franklin streets, Pittsburgh, which is in the very heart of the Jewish quarters of the city. In the efforts of reaching and instructing the Jews in the Christian faith, he distributed to them about fifty copies of the whole Bible and over three hundred copies of the New Testament in various languages and hundreds of tracts of Yiddish. In the works of benevolence, such as the education of young men, temporary assistance to destitute pupils in the mission and the like, the missionary spent \$890.00. This, however, was without expense to the committee. The money was either taken by him from his own salary or given to him by individuals and churches for the purpose. In order to tell the church of the work, he sent out over 5,000 copies of "The Missionary's Voice," and more recently "The Jewish

Missionary," publications which the missionary himself financed. The missionary met and conversed with over 8,000 Jews concerning "the Hope of Israel." About 100 became pupils of the mission. Some of them remained but a short time, others continued the study of the Christian faith and life for a long period. Some of them have become believers, testifying to their preference for Christianity over Judaism. Some are disciples, "but secretly for fear of the Jews." Owing to the high standard that the missionary has set for himself and his exacting and sifting requirements, only three young men have been baptized. This number may seem small, but it does not at all represent the results of his labors. The seed has been sown in many hearts; and undoubtedly in some will find "good ground" and bring forth its fruit in due season. Some of the fruits of the mission thus far are one pastor, one ordained missionary, one mission worker, one college graduate who expects to enter a Lutheran Theological Seminary this fall, and two young men who intend to enter a Lutheran school this fall also.

The committee was gratified to learn that an interdenominational committee, investigating the work of various religious forces in the city of Pittsburgh, viewed the work of Brother Legum, compared it with other religious work in the city, and commended the work highly. This committee expressed regret that the work did not have the financial support and corps of workers that the character of the work, as a religious force in the city, merited.

ENLARGEMENT OF THE WORK

The committee is confronted with the fact that larger and more suitable quarters are needed in Pittsburgh, rooms in which pupils can quietly pursue their studies, and in which they can be sheltered at times from persecution by their brethren in the flesh. If the work is to be enlarged and extended to other cities also, headquarters, as well as missionaries, must be provided.

At the July meeting of the committee, the Rev. R. Morris Smith, Ph.D., D.D., resigned as president of the committee. His resignation was accepted, and Dr. Edmund Belfour was elected chairman to serve until the new committee shall be appointed. The committee also reports the death of one of its members, Mr. W. Warren Wattles. When in health he never failed to attend the meetings of the committee, and he always manifested his deepest interest in the work. The committee sorely misses his presence and wise and conservative counsels.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. For the furtherance of the work, inasmuch as the establishment of a second Jewish Mission is imminent, the Committee asks for the same apportionment as two years ago, namely, \$7,000, and earnestly requests that this amount be raised.

2. We recommend that "The Jewish Missionary," the publication inaugurated and financed by the Missionary, be made the organ of the work, being published and financed by the Committee, so that the Church

can be informed as to the nature, progress, and needs of this department of missionary endeavor.

3. We recommend, that financial provision be made for the securing of sermons in Yiddish to be distributed by the churches to the Jews dwelling in their localities, and thus the work spread more widely over the territory of the General Council.

4. We recommend, that a fund be established for the assistance of young men who contemplate the giving of their lives to mission work, in the pursuit of their studies.

5. We recommend, that Jewish Mission Study be taken up by the Missionary Societies, organized classes, etc., in our churches.

The treasurer's report which has been audited and found correct is submitted as a part of the report of the committee.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE JEWISH MISSION COMMITTEE

From July 23, 1913 to July 10, 1915.

Balance in Treasury last audit	\$ 51 29
Monies received during the biennium	3,526 68
Total	\$3,577 97
Disbursements during the biennium	\$2,843 53
Balance	\$734 44

RECEIPTS AND SOURCES OF INCOME

Pittsburgh Synod Congregations and Societies	\$1,640 46
Ministerium of Pennsylvania Congregations and Societies	1,030 22
Synod of the Northwest Congregations and Societies	199 79
Augustana Synod Congregations and Societies	197 35
District Synod of Ohio Congregations and Societies	154 50
Chicago Synod Congregations and Societies	150 00
Ministerium of New York Congregations and Societies	72 50
New York and New England Synod Congregations and Societies	11 97
Synod of Central Canada Congregations and Societies	34 89
Canada Synod Congregations and Societies	15 00
Nova Scotia Synod Congregations and Societies	5 00
Independent Congregations and Societies	15 00
Total	\$3,526 68

DISBURSEMENTS

Paid for the expense of the Mission:

Missionary's Salary	\$2,084 25
Rent of Building	720 00
General Expenses	34 28
Miscellaneous	5 00

Total	\$2,843 53
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Balance	\$734 44
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B. F. HANKEY *Treasurer.*

July 12, 1915.

Audited and found correct.

J. L. FISCHER,

D. DILLMAN.

W. E. BAUER, *Secretary.*

The report, with its five Recommendations, was adopted.

The Rev. John Legum, Jewish missionary, at Pittsburgh, Pa., was called on to address the Council.

THE NEXT CONVENTION

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Elving, it was

Resolved, That the President, the three Recording Secretaries, and the Treasurer be authorized to decide upon the exact date of the 1917 Convention, and that we express a preference for a date not earlier than Oct. 1.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. H. E. Jacobs,

Resolved, That the Rules for conducting elections in force this year obtain for the 1917 Convention.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Orr,

Resolved, That in the form of ballots provision be made for voting for all those nominated by the Committee on Nominations, by a single mark.

ACTION CONCERNING EVANGELISM

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Kunzmann, the Council adopted the following:

WHEREAS, There is a wide-spread discussion of evangelism, and

WHEREAS, Our Evangelical Church, which ushered in the greatest evangelical movement of modern times, has not looked with favor on present day evangelism, therefore, be it

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to report to the General Council a type and method of special evangelism in harmony with the Word of God and our Confessions.

Be it further

Resolved, That this Committee also confer with similar Committees appointed by our District Synods, and publish their findings so that they may be made the basis of discussion in our Conferences and Synods, and that they indicate whether or not methods, additional to those in vogue in our Church, are needed in order that our Church may be able the better to reach the unchurched.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the resolutions of Dr. H. E. Jacobs on Evangelism be reprinted in the Minutes.

RESOLUTIONS ON EVANGELISM

In view of the godless spirit of the age, the floods of wickedness in high places and in low, that abound, and the currents of ungodliness and indifference that enter the Church, with their deadening and paralyzing effects even upon many entrusted with the holy office of the ministry;

In a time and land, where the cardinal doctrines of Christianity are constantly assailed, both openly, and perhaps, even more dangerously, by the ignoring of Christian standards in our schools and literature—especially the public press; and

Amidst wide-spread demands that the Church shall be restricted to the sphere of a purely ethical and social institution, and the great verities of our Holy Faith and God's Word be consigned to obscurity;

We appreciate the efforts of earnest men to awaken a lost world and a sleeping Church to the great realities of God and Eternity, of Sin and Redemption, and rejoice in every success gained in the winning of men to Christ, and the stemming to any degree of the tides of Materialism and false spiritualism, around us.

We, nevertheless, protest that the only Means of Salvation, appointed of God, are the pure preaching of the Word, and the administration of the sacraments, and that said Word is to be preached, both as Law and Gospel, and in all parts of both Law and Gospel; and, that, however needful, at certain critical times, it may be to emphasize some particular truths that have been widely neglected, efforts, however sincere, that are directed simply to awaken from sin, must fail of permanent good unless they lead into the new spiritual life in Christ, which grows in secret, by the daily exercises of repentance and faith, through the habitual use of the Word and Sacraments, and in the fellowship of believers, which our Lord and Saviour has provided in His Church.

We teach and confess that the Holy Spirit, through Whom alone God calls, regenerates, converts, justifies and sanctifies, is not to be sought in any preparations or exercises of men, but that He abides forever in the Word of the Gospel; and that the warnings continually given

not only by our Fathers, at the time of the Reformation, but also in the Holy Scriptures themselves, concerning the need of proving all things that claim to be of the Spirit, by the most searching and daily test of the written Word of God, belong as truly to this land and age as to any former period.

We, therefore, urge upon both pastors and people the serious nature of the endorsement that may be given to one-sided and partial exhibitions of truth by indiscriminate and emotional advocates of even the best of causes, and the inevitable responsibility where this is done, for perversions of doctrine, against which our Confessions make their most solemn, earnest and explicit protests

Nor, in view of the repeated warnings of Holy Scripture concerning the insidious character of false teaching and teachers, and the devastation which, according to Scripture, they wrought even in Apostolic times, can our pastors or the members of our congregations, in any way or degree, entrust the religious instruction or advice of any for whom they are responsible, to those, for whose teaching of the pure Word of God, they have not had sufficient guarantee, according to methods that the long experience of the Church has found necessary.

In no other way, than by unremitting fidelity in the clearest, simplest, plainest and most direct preaching of all the counsel of God, in both Law and Gospel, is our union promoted with all those who, while externally separated from us, have with us One Lord, One Faith, One Baptism and One Salvation in the One Name given under heaven.

And, if, in thus abiding by our faith, we be misunderstood and misrepresented, we protest, that the fault is not ours, but that of those assailing us. (Min. of Ministerium of Pa., 1914.)

Final action was taken on the Slav Charter. See the Friday Afternoon Session.

The Rev. Dr. Ohl presented the

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHURCH ARCHITECTURE

Perhaps to nothing connected with her life has the Lutheran Church in America given so little serious attention as to the character of the buildings in which her congregations meet for worship. While she has carefully guarded the faith, and has provided a Liturgy beautifully expressive of it, the designing of the edifices in which that faith is to be preached, and which should in all respects conform to the requirements of her Liturgy, is often committed to men who have neither knowledge of Church Architecture as an art, nor familiarity with the Lutheran faith and cultus; with the result that buildings are produced that violate every canon of correct style, and utterly fail to express the Church's real

conception of a place of worship. To attempt to improve this condition of affairs as far as possible was no doubt the purpose of the General Council in appointing at its last meeting a Committee on Church Architecture.

February 27, 1915, at the call of the chairman, six of the committee within easy reach met in the office of Professor Warren P. Laird, at the University of Pennsylvania, to discuss general principles, and to formulate a method of procedure. The results of the discussion were communicated to the other members of the committee for suggestion and modification, and the following action is now unanimously proposed:

In order to establish its status, the committee respectfully asks the General Council to declare:

1. That it shall be the duty of the Committee on Church Architecture to advise, in all cases in which its aid is requested, with mission congregations and with Mission Boards and Church Extension Societies regarding sites for the location of church buildings for all new and established missions receiving aid; to consider the architect's plans and designs for new buildings and for alterations or additions to existing buildings of such missions, the general scheme for their furnishing and embellishment, and the probable cost of the work.

No work of erection, alteration or extensive furnishing shall be undertaken until after the counsel and advice of the Committee on Church Architecture have been sought and considered, except in extraordinary cases when the Mission Board in charge may assume the responsibility for proceeding without such consultation with the committee.

2. That established and self-supporting congregations are hereby urged and encouraged to seek the counsel and advice of the committee respecting plans and furnishings for new churches, chapels or other parish buildings and for proposed alterations in existing buildings; and it shall be the duty of the Committee on Church Architecture to consider such plans and to give all possible assistance whenever such may be desired.

3. That the Committee on Church Architecture, in all cases in which its aid is requested, whether by missions or by regular parishes, shall give its counsel and advice within thirty days from the time of receipt of plans and information by the committee.

4. That the General Council hereby authorizes the Committee on Church Architecture fully to organize the work committed to it and to develop and carry out the details of a comprehensive and efficient plan which may successfully meet the requirements of the work.

THE COMMITTEE.

J. F. OHL, *Chairman.*

LUTHER D. REED, *Secretary.*

The report, with its four declarations, was adopted. Permission was given to Mr. G. E. Schlegelmilch to record his objection to the second part of No. 1.

On motion of Jas. A. Wolfe, Esq., it was

Resolved, That in the case of Boards whose reports have been acted upon, without the treasurer's account having been audited, the Secretary be required to receive an auditor's certificate before publishing the report.

The Council accepted the following, and ordered the same spread on the Minutes:

REPORT OF THE LUTHERAN CHURCH BOOK AND LITERATURE SOCIETY

The Lutheran Church Book and Literature Society is now eleven years old, and with the limited means hitherto at its disposal it has during this time supplied seventy-four missions and eight institutions, throughout the United States and Canada, with 2,025 copies of the Church Book, 463 copies of the Sunday-school Book, and 100 catechisms. It has, in addition, circulated over 125,000 tracts, sent out many copies of its other two publications—Dr. Jacobs' "The Making of the Church Book" and Dr. Reed's "The Character and the Claims of the Church Book," and within the last year has placed *The Lutheran* on file in twenty public libraries in Philadelphia, in eleven in New York, and in fourteen in Brooklyn.

On November 10, 1913, the Society was incorporated under the laws of Pennsylvania, and is now in a position to receive and manage bequests. It may encourage others to be told that the Society is already mentioned in at least two wills.

"The scope of the Society's activity may be of the widest kind. Its charter imposes no restrictions as to language and operations. While its specific purpose is the introduction of the Church Book, it may also, as its funds will permit, give first aid to newly organized Sunday-schools, supply Lutheran publications to public libraries, place the church papers and periodicals in reading rooms, distribute books of a devotional character, and issue and disseminate pamphlets and tracts that will foster Lutheran consciousness and Christian life. Thus the Society's power for good can be limited only by the extent of its resources. As it fills a unique sphere among the activities of the Church, is carefully managed, and has already demonstrated its usefulness, it feels that it merits the confidence of our Lutheran people, and asks their support and co-operation."

J. F. OHL, *President*.

REPORT OF ARCHIVIST

Your archivist can make his report for the past biennium brief. The most valuable accession to the General Council archives during the past two years are the two large minute records of the Secretary of the Gen-

eral Council. Besides a number of synodical minutes sent by some of the secretaries of the synods, nothing of special value has been received. It is possible that some one more active than your present archivist might be able to create a more general interest and co-operation, and he expresses the desire to be relieved. Thanks are due the Rev. Dr. Hunton, who has been of valuable assistance to the undersigned in more ways than one.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. W. SANDT.

The report was adopted.

The Committee on German parish papers was continued.

Permission was given the Rev. C. E. Elving to address the Council in explanation of a plan for Lutheran colonization.

Rev. E. A. Tappert presented the

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF IMMIGRANT MISSIONS

The Board of Immigrant Missions begs leave to submit the following report. All the meetings of the Board were held at 21 Pearl St., New York City, the new headquarters of the Lutheran Emigrant House Association, since the sale of the German Emigrant House at 4 State St., which sale was thought advisable owing to the falling off of German Immigration, and the erection of tall office buildings in the immediate vicinity. The first meeting was held November 6th, 1913, when organization was effected with the election of the following officers:

President, Rev. George C. F. Haas, D.D.; *Vice-President*, Rev. Alexander Richter; *Secretary*, Rev. Allen L. Benner; *Treasurer*, Mr. Peter Doerr.

At the second meeting, held on February 26th, the resignation of the treasurer-elect was accepted, and Rev. Ernst A. Tappert was elected to succeed him. The Board held three regular meetings, at all of which steps were taken to carry out the instructions of the General Council according to the resolutions adopted at its last meeting in Toledo, Ohio.

First of all, the Board endeavored to secure the oversight of Lutheran immigrants in all the leading ports of North America. The missionary at the Port of New York, Rev. F. O. Evers, was instructed to communicate with the Iowa Synod concerning work among the immigrants in Galveston; and with the Ohio Synod in reference to similar work in New Orleans. In both instances satisfactory replies were received. Word was also received from the Canada Synod that a committee had been appointed to look after the immigrants in Canadian ports.

For the purpose of furthering cooperation between the Ports of New York and Philadelphia, the members of the committee appointed by the Ministerium of Pennsylvania to look after the immigrants in the Port of Philadelphia were invited to attend a meeting of the Board. Three members, including the missionary at the Port in Philadelphia, responded to this invitation, and took part in the discussion as to how to bring about a closer cooperation.

In order to find out what was being done for the Lutheran immigrants in the Port at Boston, the missionary at Philadelphia, Rev. Erich Saul, was sent there to investigate. He reported that the German immigrants received very little attention, but that Missionary Seastrand of the Augustana Synod was willing, if requested, to devote a portion of his time to look after the German Immigrants. Missionary Saul suggested the possibility of giving him the assistance of a German deacon.

Acting upon the instruction of the General Council, the Board proceeded to secure a missionary to work among the Slavs and Magyars on Ellis Island. Rev. L. Novomesky was elected to fill this position, and a committee was appointed to introduce him to the proper authorities. At the last moment the missionary-elect declined the appointment. Subsequent efforts to secure a suitable person for this position were discontinued, when it was ascertained that the necessary pass giving him permission to do missionary work on Ellis Island could not be obtained. At a conference with the Acting Commissioner, the Hon. Byron H. Uhl, he stated that it was impossible to grant the request for an additional missionary to work among the Slavs and Magyars. He cited a decision rendered by the Department of Labor, in the case of a similar request in November, 1913, as follows: "While the Bureau of course regrets the necessity for such decision, his request is denied for the reason that the ends of good administration require, under the conditons now existing at the station, that the representation of benevolent, religious, and other associations shall in no respect be increased."

The committee was told that this applies to a number of representatives of societies already there, as well as the new societies making application. The Commissioner voluntarily offered as a solution, that the missionary who was to work among the Slavs and Magyars should be made an assistant of the representative of the General Council in the German work; and, if this was found feasible, the pass for his present assistant should be withdrawn.

The Lutheran Emigrant House Association, under whose care and financial support the German work in the Port of New York is carried on, felt that it could not accept this proposition without crippling or endangering its own special work.

The Board then appointed a committee to interview the Immigration authorities at Washington, D. C., in regard to the reception of missionaries at Ellis Island, who wish to work among the immigrants belonging to their Household of Faith. This committee subsequently conferred with Commissioner Camminetti. They were received most cordially and the Commissioner promised to consider the Board's request. The outbreak of the European War shortly after this conference, and the consequent shrinkage in the number of Immigrants from the countries in question, is probably the reason why the Commissioner so far has not fulfilled his promise.

The Board held a joint meeting with the Lutheran Emigrant House Association on June 4, 1914, for the purpose of discussing with Pastor

Bohlke of the "Auswanderer Mission of the Inner Mission Society of Bremen, Germany," ways and means of bringing about closer relations between the missionaries on this side and those at the ports of embarkation. The outbreak of hostilities among the nations in Europe, which for the Board to carry out the instructions of the General Council more fully. The missionary at the Port of New York, having received a call from Zion's Church, Philadelphia, and feeling that his activities among the immigrants were paralyzed by the war conditions, resigned his office, the resignation taking effect on Dec. 1, 1914, after he had rendered great service in caring temporarily for a large number of German reservists, sometimes as many as 350 a day, for a period of over two months. At the present time the work is supervised by a committee of which the president of the Board is chairman.

GEORGE C. F. HAAS, *President.*

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The report was adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON HOLDING A LAYMEN'S CONFERENCE

As the Synods of the Council did not appoint laymen who were to constitute this committee, it was impossible to hold any meeting. It is recommended that the committee be continued on the same plan, and that it be the duty of each delegation of the General Council to see that their Synods at their next meeting make the proper appointments. So far as the present session is concerned, several of our active lay delegates, with the local committee, have made the laymen's arrangements.

THE CHAIRMAN.

The report was adopted.

The Rev. Dr. Hunton presented the

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE PRESS

The Press Committee, which was made a standing committee at the last convention of the General Council, during the biennium has limited its work to an exchange of ideas, and the occasional sending out of information concerning current events, together with an amount of work in furnishing information to the secular newspapers and preparing for an adequate publicity for a gathering of the magnitude and importance of the General Council.

Lutherans, naturally conservative, have been exceedingly timid and backward in the matter of giving publicity to the activities of their Church. A logical result is that the general public knows comparatively little of one of the strongest and most prosperous of the religious forces of America. Manifestly this is just neither to the Church nor to the public. We

have no right to hide our Lutheran candle beneath a bushel, but should see that it shines and gives forth its proper light for the enlightenment and guidance of others.

Our own people, we have discovered, are pleased when the work of the Church is given proper publicity in the secular press. They are disappointed when it is not done. We have assurances from men of the highest authority in the handling and spreading of news that they are anxious and ready to co-operate; but they stress the word co-operate, which simply means that we must be willing to furnish the information and in the way in which they desire it, to facilitate its dissemination with the least possible expense.

Through the very active co-operation of Mr. Hultberg, of the committee, both the local and the general press of the country have shown an unusual interest in this Convention, and have gone to special effort satisfactorily and fully to report its proceedings to the community and to the country. We believe the experience and the success are the stimulus to greater activity and more successful work in the future.

The Press Committee should become a medium for general publicity. Constituted of men acquainted with the Church, and widely distributed throughout the territory, they should place themselves in touch with the newspapers of their district. They should make it their business to inform the local press as well as the chairman of their committee in advance, whenever possible, of every important movement in the Church.

The coming biennium, looking forward as it does to the Quadri-centennial of the great Reformation, will be one of unusual importance and opportunity to bring our Church and her work to the attention of the public. We owe it to our history, to our Church and to the public, as an antidote to the slanders which the enemies of Protestantism are spreading and will continue to report, adequately and correctly to inform the world through the all powerful daily press of the facts of the past and works of the present which are built on those Reformation facts over which the world will jubilate. To this end we recommend:

(1) For future Conventions, that the Committee on Press be furnished with abstracts or duplicate copies of all reports, addresses, etc., as far in advance as possible in order that the committee may be in a position to co-operate with the general press association according to their present-day methods of supplying news to the various news centers.

(2) That the committee be instructed to develop a news bureau which shall be charged with the responsibility of gathering and properly reporting the facts of Lutheran history and work. It shall at the same time conduct an educational campaign with a view to impressing upon our parishes and people the advantage of local and general publicity in making the Church potent and more effective in all of its operations.

(3) There being similar news and press agencies in our Church, and, in anticipation of the Quadri-centennial Jubilee, there being every probability of great activity in the matter of publicity, the Committee on Press

asks that it be authorized to co-operate both in developing a comprehensive propaganda and in securing and furnishing by mutual courtesies the widest and most effective publicity possible.

Respectfully submitted,

THE COMMITTEE.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RULES FOR FUTURE INCORPORATION

The Committee on Rules for Future Incorporation, not having had referred to it any case of incorporation requiring proposals on their part, has not held a meeting and has no report to make.

GEORGE C. F. HAAS.

The report was received and spread on the Minutes.

Rev. Mr. Cooper presented the

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THANKS

Your committee, appointed to voice the thanksgivings of this Convention and to express to all who contributed to its success the gratitude of the delegates to this General Council, recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

1. That we thank Almighty God to Whom all the praise belongs, that it has been our privilege to hold so happy and united a convention, full of promise for the General Council and significant for the future development of the whole Lutheran Church in America.

2. That with our Thanksgivings we unite our earnest petitions to God for His blessing upon all that has been done and His guidance in all that has been undertaken.

3. That we express to the pastors and congregations of Rock Island, Moline and Davenport, in whose homes we have been welcomed as of the family, and into whose churches we have been welcomed as of the faith, our heartfelt appreciation of their hospitality, and above all of their fraternal confidence and affection in the Lord Jesus Christ.

4. That we recognize the great privilege we have had in coming into such close touch with that great and growing institution of the Augustana Synod, viz., Augustana College and Theological Seminary, its president, professors, and students, and acknowledge most gratefully the large contribution this institution has made to the success of our Convention.

5. That we express to the local Committee of Arrangements, the Augustana Book Concern, the stenographers, the officers, choirs and sextons of our local churches, the Commercial Clubs of Moline and Davenport, the business men of the city who flung to the breeze the stars and stripes in honor of our coming, and to the numerous other friends of the General Council in this community, our grateful appreciation of their many acts of service and hospitality which have added so much to the comfort and enjoyment of our sojourn in their midst.

6. That we thank the Associated Press and the many newspapers throughout the country which have published the dispatches concerning our meeting, and that, in view of the probable fact, that never in the experience of the General Council have the local papers been more generous with space and more accurate in report, we make special mention in this acknowledgment of the Moline Dispatch, The Davenport Times, The Rock Island Argus, and The Rock Island Daily Union, and express to the special reporters for these papers our appreciation of the full and uniformly accurate accounts they have written.

And that, finally, we recognize the hearty devotion and self-sacrificing endeavors of our Officers, and thank them for the willing spirit and uniform courtesy with which they have sought to discharge their many exacting and often burdensome duties.

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H. E. MOYER,

J. K. JENSEN.

The report was adopted as a whole.

On motion,

Resolved, That 2,750 copies of the Minutes be printed.

The Committees, not found within these Minutes, were subsequently furnished by the President, and will be found, by consulting the Index, in their proper places in the Appendix.

The Minutes of the closing Session were read and adopted.

At 6:45 P. M., of the sixth day of the Convention, the General Council adjourned, after some timely closing remarks by the President, with the singing of "A Mighty Fortress is Our God," and the use of the Order for the Closing of Synods.

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to His abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away."—1 Peter 1:3, 4.

WILLIAM KELLER FRICK,
English Recording Secretary.

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SPECIAL SERVICES AND MEETINGS

English Conference at Chicago, at Sherman House, Wednesday, Sept. 8.

German Conference at Chicago, at Sherman House, Sept. 8.

(Third Biennial Convention of the Women's Missionary Society of the General Council held simultaneously in the First Swedish Lutheran Church, Moline, Ill., Sept. 8-10.)

Thursday, Sept. 9, 9.30 A. M.—OPENING SERVICE, FIRST CHURCH, MOLINE.

Full Morning service, preceded by the Confessional Service, conducted by the Vice-Presidents and Secretaries of the General Council.

Sermon by the President, the Rev. Theodore E. Schmauk, D.D., LL.D. Text, Luke 18:31; 19:10, 41-3, 45-7. Theme, "Jesus and Jerusalem—the Lord and His Church."

Administration of the Lord's Supper.

Thursday Evening, Sept. 9, WOMEN'S MISSIONARY MASS MEETING, First Church, Moline.

"Foreword," by the President of the General Council.

Addresses, Mrs. Emmy Evald, Mrs. T. H. Dahl, Miss May Mellander.

Friday Afternoon, Sept. 10, 4 P. M.—LAYMEN'S CONFERENCE IN GRACE ENGLISH LUTHERAN CHURCH.

Friday Evening, Sept. 10, 7 P. M.—RECEPTION in the Denkmann Memorial Library, Augustana College.

Friday Evening, Sept. 10, 8 P. M.—EDUCATIONAL MEETING, College Chapel, President Gustav Andreen presiding, Dr. Lindberg, Liturgist.

"Our Seminaries," by Rev. Prof. Charles M. Jacobs, D.D., of Philadelphia Theological Seminary.

"The Educational Work of the Augustana Synod," by the Rev. E. F. Pihlblad, Ph.D., President of Bethany College, Lindsborg, Kan.

"The Lutheran Church and Higher Education," by the Rev. John Haas, D.D., President of Muhlenberg College.

Saturday Evening, Sept. 11, LAYMEN'S BANQUET at the Moline Commercial Club, the Rev. Dr. Gottlieb C. Berkemeier, D.D., presiding.

"The Value of Our Church to Our Country," Judge Leonard Telleen, Cambridge, Ill.

"The Duties and Responsibilities of Christian Citizenship," by the Hon. Cyrus R. Lantz, Lebanon, Pa.

"The Laymen and the Church," by Mr. William H. Hager, Lancaster, Pa.

"The Augustana Synod," by Prof. Isaac M. Anderson, of Augustana College.

"The General Council," by President Schmauk.

Sunday Morning, Sept. 13.—Divine Service in Zion Church. Sermon by the Rev. Henry E. Jacobs, D.D., LL.D., of the Philadelphia Theological Seminary.

Sunday Morning, Sept. 13.—Divine Service in First Church, Moline. Sermon by the Rev. Gustav A. Brandelle, of Denver, Colo., Vice-President of the Augustana Synod.

Sunday Afternoon, Sept. 13, 3 P. M.—MASS MEETING, in First Church, Moline.

"Our Faith, Our Flag, Our Fellowship," by H. M. Muhlenberg Richards, Litt.D., Lebanon, Pa.

"From the Rising to the Setting of the Sun," by President John Haas, Muhlenberg College.

"Our Manhood and Our Money," by the Rev. Frederick A. Kaehler, D.D., of Holy Trinity Church, Buffalo, N. Y.

"The Growth of a Mustard Seed," by the Rev. G. A. Brandelle, D.D., Denver, Colo.

"Our Children and Children's Children," by E. Augustus Miller, Esq., Philadelphia, Pa.

"The Fathers," by the Rev. George W. Mechling, D.D., Lancaster, Ohio.

"The Fatherland," by the Rev. Franklin F. Fry, D.D., Church of the Reformation, Rochester, N. Y.

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Sunday Evening, Sept. 13, 7.30 P. M.—First Church, Moline, in charge of Rev. Lawrence A. Johnston, D.D., President of the Augustana Synod.

Address by Mr. James M. Snyder, of Philadelphia, Treasurer of the Foreign Mission Board.

Act of Commissioning by the Rev. George Drach, General Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board.

Brief Addresses by the Out-going Missionaries, the Rev. Oscar L. Larson, the Rev. Christian P. Tranberg, the Rev. Sigfrid L. Blomgren, the Misses Virginia M. Boyer, Anna E. Rohrer, Agnes Christenson, Christina Eriksson, Hilma Levine, and Charlotte B. Hollerbach, also Miss Petrich.

Closing address by the President of Council.

Monday, Evening, Sept. 14, 7.30 P. M.—INNER AND HOME MISSION MEETING, Zion Church.

The Rev. Prof. Carl K. Soedergren, presiding.

"The Inner Mission and the Congregation," by the Rev. George W. Sandt, D.D., Editor of "The Lutheran," Philadelphia, Pa.

"The Inner Mission and Social Service," by the Rev. Ernst F. Bachmann, D.D., Rector of the Mary J. Drexel Deaconess Motherhouse, Philadelphia, Pa.

"Home Mission Work," by the Rev. J. E. Whitteker, D.D., Lancaster, Pa., President of the English Home Mission Board.

"Home Mission Work of the Augustana Synod," by Prof. Claude W. Foss, Ph.D., Augustana College.

"The Four Hundredth Anniversary of the Reformation," by George E. Schlegelmilch, Esq., Philadelphia, Pa.

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2	1868	Pittsburgh, Pa.	C. W. Schaeffer, D.D.	Rev. H. W. Roth.	Rev. A. T. Spaeth, D.D.	H. H. Muhlenberg, M.D.	12	33	22
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5	1871	Lancaster, N. Y.	C. P. Krauth, D.D.	Rev. Sam'l Laird.	Rev. A. T. Spaeth, D.D.	S. G. Fry, Esq.	9	30	20
6	1872	Rochester, Ohio	C. P. Krauth, D.D.	Rev. Sam'l Laird.	Rev. A. T. Spaeth, D.D.	S. G. Fry, Esq.	9	27	14
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10	1876	Bethlehem, Pa.	C. P. Krauth, D.D.	Rev. Sam'l Laird.	Rev. H. Grahn.	W. H. Staake, Esq.	10	41	26
11	1877	Philadelphia, Pa.	C. P. Krauth, D.D.	Rev. Sam'l Laird.	Rev. E. F. Moldehnke, Ph.D.	W. H. Staake, Esq.	10	39	27
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26	1897	Erie, Pa.	E. F. Moldehnke, D.D.	Rev. W. K. Frick.	Rev. G. C. Berkemeier.	W. H. Staake, Esq.	9	71	44
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2. Danville	Rev. C. J. Streich	Rev. C. E. Rudy	Rev. C. E. Rudy, Frackville, Pa.	
3. Lancaster	Rev. H. K. Lantz	Rev. W. F. Diebert	Rev. W. F. Diebert, Birdsboro, Pa.	
4. Norristown	Rev. Warren Nickle	Rev. R. L. Pfeil, Eng.	Rev. W. Penn Barr, Weatherly, Pa.	
5. Philadelphia (English)	Rev. E. P. Pfatteicher, Ph.D.	Rev. J. D. C. Witke, Ger.		
6. Philadelphia (German)	Rev. J. E. Nidecker, D.D.			
7. Pottsville	Rev. I. F. Frankenfeld			
8. Reading	Rev. R. B. Lynch			
9. Wilkes-Barre	Rev. W. F. Heldt			
II. Ministerium of New York. CONFERENCES.	Rev. G. C. F. Haas, D.D.	Rev. T. O. Posselt, Ger. Rev. Fred Sutter, Eng. Rev. C. Gueldenapfel Rev. P. A. Kirsch Rev. J. G. F. Blaesi Rev. A. Leonhardi Rev. W. T. Junge Rev. G. N. Bock	Mr. Theo. Roehrs, 165 E. 176 St., New York City. Mr. George Bohrer, Kingston, N. Y. Mr. Casper Schmidt, 28 Main St., Middletown, N. Y. Rev. J. F. Holstein, Ph.D. 77 Mid- wood St., Brooklyn, N. Y. Rev. F. A. Bavendam, 12 Fairmount Terrace, Jersey City, N. J. Mr. Wiegand Weber, 139 West 96th St. New York City. Rev. W. Rohde, Farnham, Erie Co., N. Y.	June 29.
1. Albany	Rev. A. Schmidtkonz			
2. Connecticut	Rev. J. A. Timm, Ph.D.			
3. Long Island	Rev. H. C. Wasmund			
4. New Jersey	Rev. P. Lemke			
5. New York	Rev. J. A. Weyl			
6. Rochester	Rev. H. Brezing			
III. Pittsburgh Synod. CONFERENCES.	Rev. G. Franklin Gehr	Rev. D. M. Kemerer, Eng. Rev. J. H. Graf, Ger. Rev. N. Scheffer Rev. C. E. Stolz Rev. H. E. Daugherty Rev. F. A. Reiter Rev. H. F. Obenauf Rev. W. C. Beck Rev. J. H. Graf	Rev. George L. Rankin, 805 Amity St., Homestead, Penna. Rev. N. J. Nelson, 312 E. 6th St. Anaconda, Mont. Rev. P. Thelander, Batavia, Ill.	First English Butler, Pa. June 22
1. Erie	Rev. W. E. Frey			
2. German	Rev. E. A. Tappert			
3. Greensburg	Rev. F. P. Bossart			
4. Kittanning	Rev. J. M. Axe			
5. Pittsburgh	Rev. B. F. Hankey			
6. Ridgway	Rev. R. D. Roeder			
7. Western	Rev. J. L. Miller			
IV. District Synod of Ohio. CONFERENCES.	Rev. H. Peters, D.D. Rev. M. L. Wagner, Miss. Supt. Rev. H. G. Miley Rev. W. A. Beates Rev. W. H. Brown	Rev. H. T. Weber Rev. H. C. TerVehn Rev. J. A. Schofer Rev. Isaiah Whitman	Rev. J. M. Wenrich, 203 E. Mechanic St., Wapakoneta, O. Rev. H. C. TerVehn Rev. J. A. Schofer Rev. Isaiah Whitman	St. Paul's Lima, O. June 22.
1. Northern				
2. Southeastern				
3. Southwestern				
V. Augustana Synod. CONFERENCES.	Rev. L. A. Johnston, D.D. Rev. G. A. Brandelle, D.D. Rev. P. E. Berg, D.D. Rev. N. P. Anseen Rev. L. B. Bergstrom Rev. O. Lindgren Rev. C. R. Swanson Rev. H. E. Sandstedt Rev. Mattis C. Ranseen, D.D. Rev. A. F. Bergstrom	Rev. Joseph A. Anderson Rev. A. M. LeVeau Rev. V. J. Tengwald Rev. J. A. Edlund Rev. C. J. Bengston	Mr. K. T. Anderson, State Bank, Rock Island, Ill. Mr. Aug. Johnson, 3148 22d St. San Francisco, Cal. Mr. N. P. Nelson, 409 Dufferin Ave. Winnipeg, Man. Can. Rev. N. J. Nelson, 312 E. 6th St. Anaconda, Mont. Rev. P. Thelander, Batavia, Ill.	Galesburg, Ill. June

SYNODICAL AND CONFERENCE OFFICERS AND MEETINGS (Continued)

Synods and Conferences	Presidents and Vice-Presidents, or Mission Superintendents	Secretaries	Treasurers	Place and Date of 1916 Meeting
5. Iowa.....	Rev. J. E. Rydhaeck.....	Rev. C. O. Morland.....	Rev. S. H. Newman, Burnside, Iowa.	
6. Kansas.....	Rev. Peter Peterson.....	Rev. A. S. Segerhammar.....	Rev. J. F. Ahlin, Osage City, Kan. . .	
7. Minnesota.....	Rev. G. A. Dorf, D.D.....	Rev. J. B. A. Idstrom.....	Rev. G. Rast, D.D., Carver, Minn.....	
8. Nebraska.....	Rev. C. J. Petri, D.D.....	Rev. E. G. Knock.....	Mr. Gust Monteen, Wahoo, Neb.	
9. New England.....	Rev. C. F. Sandahl.....	Rev. B. J. Hulteen.....	Rev. J. T. Norrby, 167 Woodbine St., Providence, R. I.	
10. New York.....	Rev. S. G. Ohman, D.D.....	Rev. A. E. Ericsson.....	Rev. G. E. Forsberg, 2548 E. 10th St. Erie, Pa.	
11. Red River Valley.....	Rev. L. H. Beck, D.D.....	Rev. J. M. Persenius.....	Mr. August Lundgren, Warren, Minn	
12. Superior.....	Rev. Julius Lincoln, D.D.....	Rev. Carl J. Silversten.....	Mr. Albin J. Hasselblad, Ishpeming, Mich.	
VI. Canada Synod. CONFERENCES.	Rev. S. W. Swenson.....	Rev. H. L. Henkel.....	Rev. E. Holm, Wellesley, Ont., Can.	St. Jacobus Elmira, Ont. June 15.
1. Eastern.....	Rev. John Moody.....	Rev. R. Kasdorff.....	Rev. R. Kasdorff	
2. Middle.....	Rev. A. T. Fant.....	Rev. H. P. Hansen.....	Rev. H. P. Hansen	
3. Western.....	Rev. E. Hoffmann, D.D.....	Rev. C. Ziegler.....	Rev. C. Ziegler	
VII. Chicago Synod. CONFERENCES.	Rev. J. Strempfer.....	Rev. W. J. Seiberling.....	Mr. Henry A. Stone, Vandalia, Ill.	St. Paul's and Christ's, Detroit, Mich., June 15
1. Northeastern.....	Rev. M. Hamm.....	Rev. G. F. Dittmar.....	Mr. George Rust	June 20
2. Northwestern.....	Rev. F. Veit.....	Rev. Prof. P. H. Roth.....	Rev. C. S. Brewer	
3. Southern.....	Rev. A. F. Elmquist, Ph.D.....	Rev. C. L. Hunt.....	Rev. E. D. S. Boyer	
VIII. English Synod of the Northwest CONFERENCES.	Rev. A. K. Keck.....	Rev. G. Keller Rubrecht.....	Mr. J. K. Jensen, 508 Jackman Bldg., Janesville, Wis.	
1. Central.....	Rev. J. F. Beates.....	Rev. L. B. Deck.....	Rev. L. B. Deck	
2. Wisconsin.....	Rev. H. R. Gold.....	Rev. J. F. Fedders.....	Rev. J. F. Fedders.....	Langenberg, Sask. 1917
IX. German Manitoba Synod. CONFERENCES.	Rev. J. Goos.....	Rev. Th. Hartig.....	Rev. R. H. Karstens, Saskatoon, Sask. Canada.	
1. Alberta.....	Rev. W. W. Harms.....	Rev. F. Poetzsch.....	Mr. F. H. Pageler, 312 Henry Building, Portland, Ore.	Zion Church The Dalles June 28
2. Manitoba.....	Rev. H. Becker.....	Rev. P. Baenisch.....	Rev. F. W. Bussard.....	Holy Trinity Elmira, N. Y. June 20
3. Saskatchewan.....	Rev. F. W. Klein.....	Rev. E. Tuerkheim.....	Rev. F. T. Lucas.....	
X. Pacific Synod. CONFERENCES.	Rev. M. E. Boulton.....	Rev. E. Meyer.....	Mr. Frederick J. Walter, 57 Spring St., Kingston, New York.	
1. English.....	Rev. W. I. Eck.....	Rev. F. W. Bussard.....	Rev. A. L. Brenner.....	Bridgewater, N. S. June 30
2. German.....	Rev. C. F. Knoll.....	Rev. F. T. Lucas.....	Rev. F. E. Jensen.....	
XI. New York and New England Synod CONFERENCES.	Rev. Wm. M. Horn.....	Rev. H. C. Erbes.....	Rev. D. K. Fetterly, Rose Bay, N. S.	
1. Eastern.....	Rev. L. D. Gable.....	Rev. A. L. Brenner.....	Mr. F. E. Garber.....	Unionville, Ont. July 4
2. Western.....	Rev. F. C. Martin.....	Rev. F. E. Jensen.....	Mr. C. M. Begin.....	
XII. Nova Scotia Synod. CONFERENCES.	Rev. G. B. Pifer.....	Rev. E. V. Nonamaker.....	Rev. C. H. Fierheller, 4 Howard St., Toronto, Ont., Can.	
1. Northern.....	Rev. E. B. Smith.....	Rev. G. B. Pifer.....	Mr. Geo. Brooks, Dunbar, Ont., Can..	
2. Southern.....	Rev. D. K. Fetterly.....	Mr. C. M. Begin.....	Rev. K. Kern.....	May 14
XIII. Central Canada. CONFERENCES.	Rev. J. Maurer.....	Rev. N. Willison.....	Rev. Gottleib Walter, Weesatshe, Texas.	
1. Eastern.....	Rev. L. M. McCreery.....	Mr. George Brooks.....		
2. Western.....	Rev. W. H. Knauff.....			
XIV. Old Texas Synod.	Rev. W. C. Wolfsdorff.....	Rev. K. Kern.....		

8. STATISTICAL REPORT OF SYNODS AND INSTITUTIONS

DISTRICT SYNODS IN 1914

Name of Synod	Organized	Conferences or Districts	Ordained Ministers	Congregations	New Churches	Membership		Finances				Schools				
						Baptized	Confirmed	Value of Church Property	Local Expenses	Benevo- lence	Parochial	Teachers	Pupils	Sunday	Officers and Teachers	Scholars
1 Ministerium of Pennsylvania.....	1748	10	407	582	9	*250,000	154,356	\$8,883,098	\$970,488	\$134,342.16	13	22	2,120	518	10,736	99,476
2 Ministerium of New York.....	1773	3	150	154	1	*100,000	60,000	4,762,685	329,047	54,355.94	77	41	3,295	202	3,538	33,722
3 Pittsburgh Synod.....	1843	7	149	191	...	*37,000	30,849	2,095,370	204,669	44,445.15	...	...	...	131	1,936	17,350
4 District Synod of Ohio.....	1857	3	49	86	3	21,500	14,415	730,600	110,271	14,672.40	...	...	...	80	1,295	9,974
5 Augustana Synod.....	1860	13	657	1,167	...	265,052	176,540	10,309,243	1,650,027	318,272.00	446	598	18,927	600	9,829	73,291
6 Synod of Canada.....	1861	3	43	75	1	22,976	13,093	*500,000	71,128	5,470.66	37	22	810	60	572	4,152
7 Chicago Synod.....	1871	3	39	68	1	11,075	7,356	610,200	72,915	14,676.46	...	...	...	50	...	6,173
8 English Synod of the Northwest.....	1891	2	35	38	1	16,364	9,440	562,500	97,593	19,590.09	...	...	...	36	...	7,038
9 Manitoba Synod.....	1897	...	34	51	...	8,295	4,408	159,100	28,664	2,158.00	16	...	728	22	84	1,011
10 Pacific Synod.....	1901	2	19	20	...	3,439	1,821	457,000	13,601	900.00	3	...	118	17	136	1,206
11 Synod of N. Y. & New England.....	1902	2	62	61	2	22,122	16,295	1,896,325	83,044	35,823.22	1	7	69	51	1,331	13,425
12 Nova Scotia Synod.....	1903	2	8	27	...	6,000	2,804	98,425	14,507	2,789.93	...	...	...	21	176	1,328
13 Synod of Central Canada.....	1909	2	13	15	...	2,800	1,902	158,200	15,252	20,250.39	...	...	...	15	146	1,009
Total—13.....	...	...	1,665	2,535	18	766,623	493,279	\$31,232,746	\$3,659,272	\$667,745.40	593	690	26,067	1,803	29,779	269,155

DISTRICT SYNODS IN 1915

1 Ministerium of Pennsylvania.....	1748	10	406	575	...	*250,000	159,137	\$9,000,000	\$1,007,407	\$205,088	...	...	...	567	11,210	109,404
2 Ministerium of New York.....	1773	6	157	162	...	*100,000	50,000	4,652,385	360,334	66,985	...	...	...	207	3,422	34,130
3 Pittsburgh Synod.....	1843	7	152	196	...	32,691	26,872	2,074,550	60,747	44,821	...	...	...	198	2,130	19,750
4 Texas Synod.....	1851	...	8	14	...	3,000	1,177	45,000	...	...	...	...	...	12	50	600
5 District Synod of Ohio.....	1857	3	56	89	...	18,341	13,939	802,725	97,512	16,690	...	...	...	...	1,379	10,000
6 Augustana Synod.....	1860	12	692	1,204	...	272,989	184,056	11,494,246	1,832,809	390,083	...	...	...	...	10,388	77,949
7 Synod of Canada.....	1861	3	43	74	...	23,118	14,050	600,498	69,647	14,548	...	...	...	65	606	4,713
8 Chicago Synod.....	1871	3	46	55	...	15,297	8,284	626,100	68,708	10,215	...	...	...	55	...	6,425
9 English Synod of the Northwest.....	1891	2	40	46	...	18,556	10,921	693,635	124,751	11,142	...	...	...	46	...	7,886
10 Manitoba Synod.....	1897	3	31	62	...	8,119	4,981	154,725	15,741	3,721	...	...	...	34	...	1,306
11 Pacific Synod.....	1901	2	21	23	...	3,775	1,906	274,750	24,781	3,905	...	...	...	21	167	1,447
12 Synod of N. Y. & New England.....	1902	2	62	55	...	18,869	14,479	2,237,441	336,012	33,762	...	...	...	55	1,425	14,502
13 Nova Scotia Synod.....	1903	2	7	28	...	6,820	2,918	102,875	10,150	1,989	...	...	...	22	208	1,505
14 Synod of Central Canada.....	1909	2	9	16	...	1,883	1,781	167,130	19,674	4,140	...	...	...	15	...	1,343
Total—14.....	...	57	1,730	2,599	...	773,458	494,501	\$32,926,060	\$4,028,273	\$807,089	...	...	...	1,297	30,985	290,960

*Estimated.

EDUCATIONAL

Theological Seminaries

NAME	Founded	Location	President	Value of Property	Amount of Endow't	Volumes in Library	Profs.	Students
Augustana.....	1860	Rock Island, Ill.....	Rev. G. A. Andreen, Ph. D.....	\$424,000	\$435,189	21,000	4	79
Philadelphia.....	1864	Mt. Airy, Phila., Pa.....	Rev. H. E. Jacobs, D.D., LL.D., S.T.D.....	350,000	344,000	25,308	8	75
Chicago.....	1891	Maywood, Ill.....	Rev. E. F. Krauss, D.D.....	200,000	(2)	12,000	5	55
Pacific Lutheran.....	1910	Seattle, Wash.....	Rev. P. W. H. Frederick, B. D.....	25,000	2,000	100	2	5
Evangelical Lutheran.....	1911	Waterloo, O., Can.....	Rev. P. A. Laury, D.D.....	45,000	(2)	1,200	6	13
Total—5				\$1,044,000	\$781,189	59,608	25	227

Colleges

NAME	Founded	Location	President	Value of Property	Amount of Endow't	Volumes in Library	Profs.	In Col.	Other Gr.	For Min.	Alumni
Augustana.....	(co) 1860	Rock Island, Ill.....	Rev. G. A. Andreen, Ph.D.....	\$424,000	\$435,669	21,266	32	210	386	30	.....
Gustavus Adolphus.....	(co) 1862	St. Peter, Minn.....	Rev. O. J. Johnson.....	200,000	261,093	12,000	28	166	204	47	.....
Muhlenberg.....	(co) 1867	Allentown, Pa.....	Rev. J. A. W. Haas, D.D., LL.D.....	760,000	295,307	21,500	16	211	173	30	844
Thiel.....	(co) 1870	Greenville, Pa.....	Franklin B. Sawvel, Ph.D.....	220,000	61,000	9,500	14	68	38	30	351
Bethany.....	(co) 1881	Lindsborg, Kan.....	Rev. E. F. Pihlblad, D.D., A.M.....	198,000	192,000	10,000	40	111	692	36	1786
Wagner Memorial.....	(co) 1883	Rochester, N. Y.....	Rev. J. A. W. Kirsch.....	37,400	16,613	1,800	5	36	.....	36	142
Upsala.....	(co) 1893	Kenilworth, N. J.....	Rev. Peter Froeberg, B.D.....	75,550	(2)	2,500	10	14	87	34	54
Weidner Institute.....	(co) 1900	Mulberry, Ind.....	Rev. J. H. Arbaugh, A. B.....	25,000	5,000	1,000	10	20	60	12	60
Evang. Lutheran.....	1912	Saskatoon, Sask.....	Rev. J. Goos.....	15,000	(2)	.....	4	4	.....	6	.....
Total—9				\$1,954,950	\$1,266,682	79,566	159	840	1640	195	3237

Academies

NAME	Founded	Location	Principal	Value of Property	Amount of Endow't	Volumes in Library	Teachers	Students	Stu. for Ministry
Allentown Preparatory.....	1867	Allentown, Pa.....	Prof. Frank G. Sigman, A. M.....	\$125,000	(2)	550	7	100	18
Luther.....	(co) 1883	Wahoo, Neb.....	Prof. Linn Bonander.....	61,525	13,670	4,000	14	306	.....
Northwestern College.....	(co) 1900	Fergus Falls, Minn.....	Prof. J. M. Wood.....	40,000	(2)	600	6	135	5
Minnesota College.....	(co) 1904	Minneapolis, Minn.....	Prof. Frank Nelson.....	103,000	(2)	3,000	20	605	20
Coeur d' Alene College.....	(co) 1907	Coeur d' Alene, Idaho.....	Rev. C. J. Renhard.....	80,000	(2)	400	10	85	8
North Star College.....	(co) 1908	Warren, Minn.....	Prof. O. E. Abrahamson.....	75,000	(2)	1,300	8	174	3
Trinity College.....	(co) 1906	Round Rock, Tex.....	Rev. Theo. Seashore.....	45,000	2,700	500	6	50	.....
Total—7				529,525	16,370	10,350	71	1455	54

9. TABULATED REPORT OF INNER MISSION INSTITUTIONS

Motherhouses

NAME	LOCATION	Organized	Rector	Sisters	Bldgs.	Property	Endowment	Wards
Mary J. Drexel Motherhouse.....	Philadelphia.....	1887	Rev. E. F. Bachmann, D.D.....	80	2	\$600,000	\$600,000	18,308
Immanuel.....	Omaha, Neb.....	1890	Rev. P. M. Lindberg.....	46	7	175,000	17,098	12,048
Bethesda Motherhouse.....	St. Paul, Minn.....	1908	Rev. C. Hultkrans.....	23	1	20,000	.....	.....
Lutheran.....	Milwaukee, Wis.....	1893	Rev. H. L. Fritschel.....	47	1	30,000	.....	.....

Hospitals

Nurses

Director

Passavant Hospital.....	Pittsburgh.....	1848	H. W. Roth, D.D., LL.D.....	4	4	\$250,000	\$14,000	1,918
Milwaukee. (Passavant).....	Milwaukee.....	1863	Rev. H. L. Fritschel.....	.....	2	400,000	35,000	2,109
Passavant Memorial.....	Chicago.....	1885	Miss C. Christian.....	.....	1	75,000	80,000	1,734
Children's.....	Philadelphia.....	1887	Rev. E. F. Bachmann, D.D.....	(See Mary J. Drexel Motherhouse)	3	300,000	11,000	3,174
Augustana.....	Chicago.....	1882	Rev. M. Wahlstrom, Ph.D.....	90	3	206,000	.....	2,402
Bethesda.....	St. Paul.....	1890	Rev. C. Hultkrans.....	57	1	See Motherhouse.	.....	1,250
Immanuel.....	Omaha, Neb.....	1890	Rev. P. M. Lindberg.....	46	1	65,000	.....	1,039
Swedish.....	Kansas City.....	1906	Miss E. Bergman.....	40	3	160,000	.....	54
Iowa Lutheran.....	Des Moines.....	1910	Miss Esther Jackson.....	.....	.....	100,000	.....	.....
Lutheran.....	Moline, Ill.....	1913	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

Hospices

Helpers

Supt.

Guests

Luther Hospice.....	Philadelphia.....	1905	Rev. J. S. Schantz.....	1	1	60,000	.....	360
Women's Hospice.....	Minneapolis.....	1907	Rev. F. A. Schaffnit.....	1	1	35,000	5,000	1,060
Augustana Central.....	Chicago.....	1907	Rev. J. Jespersen.....	2	1	18,000	.....	497
Immanuel Woman's.....	Chicago.....	1907	Sister F. Hafl.....	.....	1	25,000	.....	873
Swedish Lutheran.....	Chicago.....	1907	Miss M. Carlson.....	.....	1	4,000	.....	200
Lutheran Hospice.....	New York.....	1912	Miss Pauline Wisotzki.....	.....	1	.....	.....	125
Martin Luther Woman's Hospice.....	Buffalo.....	1914	Rev. W. Krumwiede.....	.....	1	.....	.....	50

Orphans' Homes

NAME	LOCATION	Organized	Superintendent	Helpers	Bldgs.	Property	Endowment	Inmates
Home and Farm School.	Zelienople, Pa.	1854	Rev. C. W. White.	9	8	\$75,000	.....	105
Home and Farm School.	Andover, Ill.	1867	Sister I. Carlberg.	2	6	87,000	.....	45
Ev. Lutheran.	Germantown.	1859	Mrs. G. C. Eisenhardt.	3	3	200,000	\$60,000	205
Warburg Farm School.	Mt. Vernon, N. Y.		Rev. G. C. Berkemeier, D.D.	4	11	500,000	.....	300
St. John's.	Buffalo.	1864	Mr. O. Oehlers.	1	1	150,000	.....	78
Swedish Lutheran.	Vasa, Minn.	1865	Mr. P. Johnson.	5	4	46,000	9,054	64
Evangelical Lutheran.	Cleburne, Kans.	1880	Rev. N. H. Youngt.	3	8	55,000	.....	30
Gustavus Adolphus.	Jamestown, N. Y.	1883	J. S. Swenson.	3	3	55,699	.....	69
Swedish Lutheran.	Stanton, Ia.	1881	L. P. Olin.	1	1	58,700	1,600	48
Lutheran.	Joliet, Ill.	1891	Rev. A. W. Stark.	1	1	46,000	.....	95
Lutheran.	Topton, Pa.	1896	Rev. J. O. Henry.	2	2	67,000	.....	127
Lutheran Church Home.	Buffalo, N. Y.	1896	Miss L. E. Kaehler.	4	1	60,000	.....	40
Augustana Children's.	Minneapolis.	1898	Sister B. Swenson.	1	2	28,000	.....	49
Immanuel.	Omaha, Neb.	1901	Rev. P. M. Lindberg.	3	1	75,000	.....	18
Bethany.	Bridgewater, Nova Scotia.	1902	P. A. Ernst.	2	5	6,000	.....	10
Children's Friend.	Jersey City, N. J.	1904	Rev. G. Doering.	1	1	60,000	.....	56
Lutheran.	Avon, Mass.	1906	Amelia Rabenius.	2	3	38,238	.....	45
Good Shepherd.	Allentown, Pa.	1908	Rev. J. H. Raker.	4	5	88,000	.....	33
Swedish Lutheran.	Stromsburg, Neb.	1912	Rev. C. A. Hemborg.	1	1	12,000	1,000	14
Good Shepherd Home for Crippled Children.	.....	1908	Rev. J. H. Raker.	(See above)	.....	.....	.....	29
Tabor Home, for Children.	Doylestown, Pa.	1908	Two Sisters.	2	2	28,000	.....	43

Old People's Homes

Mary J. Drexel.	Philadelphia, Pa.	1887	Rector Bachmann.	3	1	(See Mary J. Drexel Home)	48
Evangelical Lutheran.	Germantown, Pa.	1895	Mrs. G. C. Eisenhardt.	1	1	(See above)	51
Lutheran Church Home.	Buffalo, N. Y.	1896	Miss L. E. Kaehler.	*	1	60,000	35
Nazareth.	Omaha, Neb.	1903	Rev. P. M. Lindberg.	1	1	175,000	30
Bethesda.	Chicago City, Minn.	1904	Rev. C. A. Hultkrans.	1	1	25,000	30
Salem.	Joliet, Ill.	1905	Rev. A. W. Stark.	1	1	64,000	53
Old People's.	Erie, Pa.	1906	Sister Frieda.	3	3	20,000	32
Old People's.	Zelienople, Pa.	1907	Sister Katharine Foerstes.	1	1	50,000	15
Lutheran.	Madrid, Ia.	1906	Sister K. Monson.	2	1	19,000	28
Old People's.	Lindsborg, Kans.	1907	Francis Johnson.	2	1	20,000	21
Swedish Augustanna.	Brooklyn, N. Y.	1907	J. H. Benson.	2	1	35,000	40
Good Shepherd.	Allentown, Pa.	1908	Rev. J. H. Raker.	1	1	(See above)	15
Augustana.	Chicago.	1911	Rev. J. N. Brandelle.	1	1	50,000	40
Old People's.	Story City, Ia.	1914	Rev. R. L. Gutteboe.	1	1	50,000	12
Lutheran Settlement.	Philadelphia.	1905	Rev. G. H. Bechtold.	15	1	5,000	767
Passavant Memorial, Homes for Epileptics.	Rochester, Pa.	1895	Rev. F. W. Kohler.	7	5	100,000	96

*Sisters

10. GENERAL COUNCIL HOME MISSIONS
I. Supported by the Board of English Home Missions
MINISTERIUM OF PENNSYLVANIA

PLACE	CHURCH	PASTOR	Baptized- Member- ship	Communi- cant Membership	Sunday- school	Current Expenses	Benevolence	Value of Property
Philadelphia Pa., (Fern Rock).....	Holy Spirit.....	U. E. Bauers.....	130	55	88	\$738 09	\$44 03	\$7,400
Philadelphia, Pa., (Five Points).....	Immanuel.....	A. H. Steinhauer.....	196	40	142	527 10	13 68	3,500
Philadelphia, Pa.....	St. Simeon's.....	K. L. Reisner.....	500	179	400	791 17	35 00	7,600
Philadelphia, Pa.....	Zion's.....	F. W. Friday.....	300	168	245	1,165 54	200 35	8,000
Philadelphia, Pa.....	Mediator.....	A. C. Sumons.....	375	129	237	1,228 38	125 78	15,000
Manoa, Pa.....	Trinity.....	M. C. Horine, D.D.....	65	44	82	800 00	95 92	13,000
Camden, N. J.....	Christ.....	Vacant.....	248	83	159	303 21	20 00	4,000
Magnolia, N. J.....	Trinity.....	Vacant.....	38	.....	.....	.....	.....	3,000
Wildwood, N. J.....	Trinity.....	C. R. Keiter.....	175	60	107	1,415 65	275 00	11,000
Folsom, N. J.....	St. James.....	C. D. Clauss.....	125	48	63	271 30	36 47	6,000
Atlantic City, N. J.....	St. Andrew's.....	F. C. Krapf.....	225	75	133	.....	.....	20,000
Northampton Heights, Pa.....	St. Matthew.....	J. S. Renninger.....	263	87	113	291 63	78 98	5,300
E. Allentown, Pa.....	St. Joseph.....	P. A. Behler.....	405	101	311	494 48	75 20	5,000
Allentown, Pa.....	St. James.....	C. K. Fegley.....	219	81	129	436 68	280 71	4,400
Mildred, Pa.....	Trinity.....	A. L. Smith.....	145	112	79	573 10	103 16	6,000
Jersey Shore, Pa.....	First.....	C. B. Lindtwe.....	145	71	94	601 78	176 94	5,000
Berwick, Pa.....	St. John's.....	W. H. Berk.....	145	89	95	374 02	50 71	8,000
Lancaster, Pa.....	Ascension.....	Vacant.....	102	30	50	.....	.....	1,200
Lancaster, Pa.....	Redeemer.....	Vacant.....	130	50	75	.....	.....	10,000
Harrisburg, Pa.....	Holy Communion.....	J. H. Miller.....	214	195	178	1,249 75	439 30	10,000
Palmira, Pa.....	Palm.....	Vacant.....	200	82	136	732 39	161 09	11,500
Hershey, Pa.....	Trinity.....	Vacant.....	140	48	110	265 46	50 67	10,000
Pine Grove, Pa.....	St. Peter.....	A. H. Klick.....	653	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pine Grove, Pa.....	Salem.....	A. H. Klick.....		.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ravine, Pa.....	St. Matthew.....	A. H. Klick.....		256	583	784 00	124 85	19,000
Wayne Twp.....	St. Mark.....	A. H. Klick.....		.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Oakbrook, Pa.....	Redeemer.....	R. W. Hufford, D.D.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Shillington, Pa.....	Grace.....	R. W. Hufford, D.D.....	350	138	309	.....	.....	2,500
Palmerton, Pa.....	Trinity.....	Luther Coffman.....	232	88	152	614 61	140 90	5,000
Nesquehoning, Pa.....	Zion's.....	F. E. Reichard.....	136	62	115	539 44	75 15	13,000
Packerton, Pa.....	Zion's.....	F. E. Reichard.....	198	89	136	500 18	72 68	5,000
Scranton, Pa.....	St. Paul's.....	R. L. Pfeil.....	176	84	136	793 05	31 70	7,000
Sayre, Pa.....	St. John's.....	E. M. Beysher.....	215	117	120	885 00	199 17	9,000
Gouldsboro, Pa.....	Grace.....	C. Snyder.....	150	75	127	600 00	100 00	10,000
	34 Missions.....	23 Missionaries.....	6,595	2,736	4,704	\$16,976 01	\$3,107 44	\$245,400

MINISTERIUM OF PENNSYLVANIA (Continued)

New Missions

PLACE	CHURCH	PASTOR	Baptized Members- ship	Communi- cant	Sunday- school	Current Expenses	Benevolence	Value of Property
So. Langhorne, Pa.	Redeemer	E. R. Cassaday	.....	30	83	\$516 13	.....	\$6,500
Trenton, N. J.	St. Bartholomew	Rufus E. Kern	225	49	105	437 55	.....	6,000
Philadelphia, Pa., (West)	Prince of Peace	U. S. G. Bertolet	200	50	98	283 51	.....	13,500
Transferred to Self-Sustaining List								
Allentown, Pa.	Grace	J. W. Koch	300	196	222	1,032 29	\$ 114 75	5,000
Philadelphia, Pa.	Memorial	J. W. H. Heintz	300	150	400	.....	.....	50,000
Philadelphia, Pa.	Advocate	E. C. Cooper	300	175	275	.....	.....	10,000
Philadelphia, Pa.	Good Shepherd	H. F. Hale	200	75	125	.....	.....	8,000
Grand Total	41 Missions	30 Missionaries	8,120	3,461	6,012	\$19,245 49	\$3,222 19	\$344,400

DISTRICT SYNOD OF OHIO

Toledo, Ohio	St. Luke's	E. M. Potts	319	158	154	861 15	62 00	9,000
Coshocton, Ohio	Emmanuel	A. B. Markley	122	80	128	332 30	93 00	7,000
Defiance, Ohio	Zion's	W. H. Shepher	203	145	105	658 56	149 00	10,000
Paulding, Ohio	St. Paul's	E. J. K. Schmidt	108	56	58	452 01	19 79	10,000
Tate's Landing, Ohio	Zion's	E. J. K. Schmidt	75	38	39	252 98	97 87	1,200
West Carrollton, Ohio	Grace	L. P. Pence	156	81	116	475 84	74 00	3,000
Ingomar, Ohio	St. John's	L. P. Pence	150	55	112	199 85	21 12	7,500
Barberton, Ohio	First	A. M. Sappenfield	145	126	183	983 86	13 00	17,500
Cleveland, Ohio	Emmaus	R. A. Albert	319	83	121	533 59	71 82	7,000

New Missions

Toledo, Ohio	Divinity	R. H. Benting	242	100	120	360 92	100 00	20,000
Fremont, Ohio	St. Mark's	E. F. Marker	88	55	52	625 66	28 00	2,000
Cleveland, Ohio	Salem	H. C. Ter Vehn	125	20	115	55 75	.....	4,500

Transferred to Self-Sustaining List

Holgate, Ohio	St. Peter's	E. P. Conrad	250	80	100	.....	.....	4,500
Stanley, Ohio	St. John's	E. P. Conrad	180	55	75	.....	.....	5,000
Grand Total	14 Missions	11 Missionaries	2,482	1,132	1,478	\$5,792 47	\$729 60	\$105,200

CHICAGO SYNOD

PLACE	CHURCH	PASTOR	Baptized Member-ship	Communi-cant Membership	Sunday-school	Current Expenses	Benevolence	Value of Property
Oak Park Chicago, Ill.	Oak Park.....	P. C. Wike.....	98	30	74	\$ 428 30	\$ 179 50	\$ 2,500
Chicago, Ill.	Atonement.....	Theo. Albert.....	235	105	121	642 48	115 20	7,000
Chicago, Ill.	Epiphany.....	C. R. W. Kegley.....	250	120	100	967 30	189 00	10,000
Chicago, Ill.	St. James.....	A. P. Lentz.....	255	66	174	938 00	117 19	10,500
Mishawaka, Ind.	First.....	R. E. M. Engers.....	145	63	125	641 67	83 82	25,000
Aurora, Ill.	Redeemer.....	G. C. Smith.....	275	90	140	324 68	111 50	20,000
Detroit, Mich.	St. Paul's.....	A. K. Walborn.....	300	154	304	1,316 74	49 06	7,500
Detroit, Mich.	Christ.....	F. L. Lineberger.....	700	196	175	1,000 00	316 25	15,000

New Missions

Chicago, Ill.	Marquette Manor.....	Vacant.....	.....	.....	41	.....	.....	2,500
Chicago, Ill.	Belmont Park.....	Vacant.....	.....	.....	79	.....	.....	.....

Transferred to Self-Sustaining List

Lafayette, Ind.	Trinity.....	E. D. S. Boyer.....	600	135	100	.....	.....	21,000
Chicago, Ill.	Redeemer.....	J. R. E. Hunt.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10,000
Grand Total.....	12 Missions.....	10 Missionaries.....	2,858	959	1,433	\$6,259 17	\$1,061 52	\$131,000

ENGLISH SYNOD OF NORTHWEST

Neenah, Wis.	St. Paul's.....	A. J. Sommer.....	211	75	140	\$1,255 27	\$62 70	\$25,000
Superior, Wis.	Trinity.....	W. H. Gable.....	375	105	162	546 26	131 66	7,500
Madison, Wis.	Trinity.....	H. R. Gold.....	271	100	91	.....	.....	.....
Beloit, Wis.	Atonement.....	F. R. Webber.....	182	87	109	.....	.....	25,000
Cedarburg, Wis.	Advent.....	M. H. Wichman.....	137	81	43	558 55	4 06	15,000
Milwaukee, Wis.	Lake Park.....	F. E. Cooper.....	200	125	148	2,572 79	306 95	40,000
Livingston, Mont.	Redeemer.....	F. W. Klingensmith.....	100	35	42	734 81	85 15	11,000
Winnipeg, Can.	First.....	P. E. Basler.....	367	99	171	739 82	121 31	45,000
Minneapolis, Minn.	Holy Communion.....	H. L. Bosserman.....	400	100	247	1,025 00	30 00	5,600
Duluth, Minn.	St. John's.....	W. F. Bacher.....	349	147	185	1,701 95	139 31	12,000

New Missions

Milwaukee, Wis.	Resurrection.....	C. P. Weiskotten.....	105	35	109	.....	.....	4,000
Milwaukee, Wis.	Washington Park.....	C. P. Weiskotten.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,200
Appleton, Wis.	Trinity.....	A. J. Sommer.....	100	15	40	.....	.....	.....
Minneapolis, Minn.	Richfield.....	Luther B. Deck.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

ENGLISH SYNOD OF NORTHWEST (Continued)
Transferred to Self-Sustaining List

PLACE	CHURCH	PASTOR	Baptized Member- ship	Communi- cant	Sunday- school	Current Expenses	Benevolence	Value of Property
Minneapolis, Minn.	Redeemer.	C. J. Rocky.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Milwaukee, Wis.	Reformation.	C. A. Naumann.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Racine, Wis.	Atonement.	W. F. Rex.	355	200	363	.....	.....	16,000
Grand Total	17 Missions.	15 Missionaries.	3,152	1,204	1,850	\$9,134 45	\$881 14	\$207,300

PACIFIC SYNOD

La Grande, Ore.	Zion's.	W. C. Drahn.	125	32	56	767 00	132 45	3,000
Vancouver, B. C.	Redeemer.	B. A. Sand.	75	30	43	.....	.....	25,000
Bellingham, Wash.	St. Mark's.	D. J. O. Westheim.	206	69	65	626 58	126 00	6,500
Victoria, B. C.	Grace.	B. A. Sand.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	25,000
Medford, Ore.	Zion's.	Vacant.	144	48	54	419 71	99 15	4,000
Everett, Wash.	Trinity.	Vacant.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Nehalem, Ore.	Grace.	Theo. Schoenberg.	.....	25	20	.....	.....	.....

New Missions

Seattle, Wash.	Grace.	Theo. Schoenberg.	37	20	17	.....	.....	.....
North Yakima, Wash.	Trinity.	Theo. Schoenberg.	40	27	14	.....	.....	.....
Berkeley, Cal.	St. Michael's.	H. M. Leech.	140	50	58	1,712 47	53 80	12,000
Grand Total	10 Missions.	6 Missionaries.	767	301	327	\$3,525 76	\$411 40	\$75,500

SYNOD OF CENTRAL CANADA.

Unionville, Ont.	Bethesda.	N. Willison.	80	45	57	766 42	471 96	6,000
Buttonville, Ont.	St. John's.	N. Willison.	22	10	.....	151 07	69 00	3,700
Brantford, Ont.	St. Matthew.	Vacant.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Dunbar, Ont.	St. Luke.	L. M. McCreery.	170	58	52	320 00	76 05	7,250
Guelph, Ont.	St. Paul's.	Vacant.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

SYNOD OF CENTRAL CANADA (Continued)

Transferred to Self-Sustaining List

PLACE	CHURCH	PASTOR	Baptized Member- ship	Communi- cant	Sunday- school	Current Expenses	Benevolence	Value of Property
Ottawa.....	St. Peter's.....	Vacant.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Welland, Ont.....	St. Matthew.....	Wm. H. Knauff.....	82	40	45	.....	.....	.....
Grand Total.....	7 Missions.....	4 Missionaries.....	354	153	154	\$2,237 49	\$617 01	\$16,950

NEW YORK AND NEW ENGLAND SYNOD

Brooklyn, N. Y.....	Mediator.....	M. F. Walz.....	150	45	70	\$357 23	\$17 66	\$3,700
Brooklyn, N. Y.....	Covenant.....	J. H. Stelljes.....	1,100	250	834	829 15	57 00	45,000
Brooklyn, N. Y.....	Ascension.....	E. E. Stuckert.....	167	50	138	885 36	.....	7,500
East Orange, N. J.....	Trinity.....	G. C. Loos.....	160	78	67	1,272 47	162 11	10,000
Elmira, N. Y.....	Trinity.....	John Hassler.....	150	140	75	932 04	12 60	10,000
Hartford, Conn.....	St. Paul's.....	C. E. Blethen.....	313	57	103	597 91	25 52	20,000
New Britain, Conn.....	Reformation.....	F. C. Wunder.....	245	67	97	482 09	71 00	7,000
Yonkers, N. Y.....	Redeemer.....	Emil W. Weber.....	250	152	118	1,141 81	36 17	16,000

New Missions

Brooklyn, N. Y.....	St. Barnabas.....	Vacant.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Dunton, L. I., N. Y.....	St. Paul's.....	Wm. Steinbicker.....	100	46	86	168 26	23 25	1,200

Transferred to Self-Sustaining List

Brooklyn, N. Y.....	St. Andrew.....	C. S. Verger.....	1,200	300	1,050	.....	.....	15,000
Grand Total.....	11 Missions.....	10 Missionaries.....	3,835	1,185	2,638	\$6,666 32	\$405 31	\$135,400

NOVA SCOTIA SYNOD

Midville.....	Midville.....	Vacant.....	1,000	200	62	.....	.....	.....
Halifax.....	Resurrection.....	M. J. Bieber.....	131	50	53	244 29	91 60	15,000
Grand Total.....	2 Missions.....	1 Missionary.....	1,131	250	115	244 29	91 60	15,000
Grand Total.....	114 Missions.....	87 Missionaries.....	22,699	8,645	14,007	\$53,105 35	\$7,419 77	\$1,030,750

II. Supported by the Board of German Home Missions

I. IN CONNECTION WITH PACIFIC SYNOD

PLACE	CHURCH	PASTOR	Commu- nicants	S. S. Scholars	Church Property		Value of Property
					Ch.	Par.	
Oregon City, Ore.....	Zion's.....	W. R. Kraxberger...	94	60	Ch. and Par...		\$ 5,000
Medford, Ore.....	Zion's.....	Vacant.....	127	47	Ch. and Par...		4,000
Grant's Pass, Ore.....		Vacant.....					
Lake Creek, Ore.....		Vacant.....					
Macksburg, Ore.....	Christ.....	F. Lucas.....	90	47	Ch. Par. & S. H.		4,400
New Era, Ore.....	St. John.....	F. Lucas.....			Ch. and Cem...		
Needy, Ore.....	Preach'g Pl.....	F. Lucas.....					
Chehalis, Wash.....	St. John.....	C. Knoll, Ph.D....	100	77	Ch. and Par...		10,000
Centralia, Wash.....		C. Knoll, Ph.D....					
Camas, Wash.....	Zion's.....	Vacant.....	40	15	Ch. and Par...		1,600

II. IN CONNECTION WITH THE SYNOD OF MANITOBA AND OTHER PROVINCES

Thalberg, Man.....	Trinity.....	P. Tourney.....	131	35	Ch. and Par...		
Greenwald, Man.....	St. John.....	P. Tourney.....	93	20			
Balsam Bay, Man.....	Preach. Place.....	P. Tourney.....	12	12			
Gretna, Man.....	St. Paul.....	P. Baehnisch.....	88	26	Ch. & Par.....	\$	3,600
Rosenfeld, Man.....	St. John.....	P. Baehnisch.....	90		Ch.....		1,400
Friedenstal, Man.....	Zion.....	Vacant.....	160		Ch. Par & Cem		1,900
Greenridge, Man.....	Hope.....	Vacant.....	35		Ch. & Cem'y...		150
Overstone, Man.....		Vacant.....	38		Cemetery.....		50
Niverville, Man.....		Vacant.....	29		Ch. & Cem'y...		800
Emerson, Man.....		Vacant.....	35				
Friedensfeld, Man.....		Vacant.....	31				
Woodridge, Man.....		Vacant.....	14				
Moosehorn, Man.....	Zion.....	Vacant.....	60	50	Church.....		500
Deerfield, Man.....		Vacant.....					
Friedfield, Man.....	Bethany.....	G. Heimann.....	85	30	C. Par. SchoolH		200
Neudorf, Sask.....	Zion.....	N. Richter.....	15	40	Ch.Par.C'y,S.H		5,000
Wheatyn, Sask.....	Zion.....	W. Mahlstedt.....	75	30	Ch. Par. Cem..		4,150
Serath, Sask.....	St. Paul.....	W. Mahlstedt.....	60		Cemetery.....		
Elbourne, Sask.....		W. Mahlstedt.....	10	5			
Saskatoon, Sask.....	St. Paul.....	F. W. Klein.....	33	35	Ch. & Par.....		10,000
Kennell, Sask.....	Immanuel.....	H. Walbaum.....	80	10	Parish H.....		850
Rosthern, Sask.....	Christ.....	Geo. Jüttner.....	168	30	Ch. Par. Cem..		6,100
Friedensfeld, Sask.....	St. Paul.....	Geo. Jüttner.....	49	15	Cemetery.....		100
N. Battleford, Sask.....		Vacant.....					
Leipzig, Sask.....		Vacant.....					
Duff, Sask.....	St. John.....	Vacant.....	36		Ch. & Par.....		1,300
Goodeve, Sask.....	St. Peter.....	Vacant.....	28		Ch. & Cem.....		700
Hubbard, Sask.....	{ Preaching.....	Vacant.....	25				
Duff City, Sask.....	{ Stations.....	Vacant.....	9				
Gartenland, Sask.....		F. Restau.....	180	22	Ch. & Par.....		2,000
Guernsey, Sask.....	Preaching Station..	F. Restau.....	29				
Luseland, Sask.....		B. Merz.....	21				
Medstead, Sask.....	Preaching Station..	Vacant.....	23				
Dungloe, Sask.....	Peace.....	B. Merz.....	56	16			
Stony Hill, Sask.....	St. John.....	E. Türkheim.....	80	25	Ch. & Cem.....		3,000
Silver Grove, Sask.....	St. Paul.....	E. Türkheim.....	100		Cemetery.....		
Brightholme, Sask.....	Preaching Station..	E. Türkheim.....					
Shellbrook, Sask.....	Peace.....	E. Türkheim.....	12	15			
Delton, Alta.....							
Rosslyn, Alta.....	{ Preaching Stations..	H. Strüwing.....		30			
Beverly, Alta.....							
Wetaskiwin, Alta.....	St. John.....	G. Poetzsch.....	139		Ch. Par. & Cem		3,375
Bashaw, Alta.....	St. Peter.....	A. Schlange.....	100	10	Ch. & Par.....		
New Sarepta, Alta.....	St. Paul.....	Th. Hempel.....	60				
Haylake, Alta.....		Th. Hempel.....	60	15			
Heimtal, Alta.....	St. John.....	Geo. Mueller.....	51	40	Ch. & S. H....		2,500
Rosental, Alta.....		Geo. Mueller.....	70	25	Ch.....		600
Wiste, Alta.....		Vacant.....	30	15			

III. Supported by District Synods

1. AUGUSTANA SYNOD

PLACE	CHURCH	PASTOR	Commu- nicants	S. S. Scholars	Church Property		Value of Property
					Ch.	Par.	
Monson, Me.	Zion	C. O. Granere	30	20	Frame		\$ 8,500
Portland, Me.	Immanuel	C. P. Edlund	48		Brick		15,500
Stockholm, Me.	Adolf Fredrik	A. A. Dahlberg	53	21	Frame		2,000
Brattleboro, Vt.		E. A. Peterson	106	38	Frame		3,500
Proctor, Vt.	St. Paul	Ivar F. Witting	166	72	Frame		8,000
Beverly, Mass.		O. Moren, v.p.	8				700
Brockton, Mass.	Gethsemane	Hans Pearson	124	86	Frame		5,012
Everett, Mass.	Bethlehem	A. F. Seastrand, v.p.	71	116	Frame		7,000
Greendale, Mass.							
Malden, Mass.	Salem	Henry Hanson	100	62	Frame	Par.	8,250
Maynard, Mass.							
Millville, Mass.	Zion	F. W. Lindstrom, v.p.	43	32	Frame		4,000
Pigeon Cove, Mass.	Klippan	Hilmer Larson, v.p.	39	32	Frame		2,000
Pittsfield, Mass.		Geo. Randolph, Stu.					
Salem, Mass.	Bethania	Vacant	17				
Woburn, Mass.		O. Moren	112	50	Frame		9,000
Newport, R. I.	Zion	Hilding Myreen	78	50	Frame		9,000
Woonsocket R. I.	Swedish Finnish	F. W. Lindstrom, v.p.	27	28	Cement		3,000
Centerbrook, Conn.	Trinity	A. P. Björkman	43	11	Frame		3,800
Danbury, Conn.	Swedish Lutheran	D. J. Nordling, v.p.	32	10	Frame		3,500
Deep River, Conn.	Bethel	A. P. Bjorkman	61	25	Frame		3,000
East Bridgeport, Conn.							
Georgetown, Conn.	Swedish-Finnish		79	35	Frame		3,000
So. Norwalk, Conn.	Messias	H. L. Wilson	17	6	Frame		3,000
Ashville, N. Y.	Bethel	J. A. Rinell	20	4	Frame		1,000
Astoria, N. Y.	Salem	J. E. Nelson, v.p.	53	46	Frame		6,000
Brooklyn, N. Y.	Saron	G. Anderson, v.p.	25	47	Frame	Par	14,000
Buffalo, N. Y.	Trinity	A. J. Okerblom	172	58	St. & Fr.	Par	21,400
Busti, N. Y.	Bethany	J. A. Rinell	45	18	Frame	Par	2,100
Corona, N. Y.	Trinity	J. E. Nelson v.p.	34		St. & Br.		5,500
Dunkirk, N. Y.	Zion	C. A. Stenholm	75	35	Frame	Par	9,000
Edenwald, N. Y.	Bernadotte	O. W. Ohlson	34	65	Stone		7,150
*Jamestown, N. Y.	Grace	E. E. Ryden					
Mayville, N. Y.		Eric Boman	130	18	Frame	Par	5,500
New York, N. Y.	Sw. Fin. St. John						
Niagara Falls, N. Y.	Bethania	A. J. Okerblom	29	16	Frame		1,500
Ossining, N. Y.	Zion	John Johnson, v.p.	18	18			200
Port Richmond, N. Y.	Vasa	S. F. Hammarloef, v.p.	60	41	Frame		7,300
Richmind Hill, N. Y.	Gustaf Adolf	G. Anderson, v.p.	10	10			100
Rochester, N. Y.	Trinity	A. J. Okerblom, v.p.	57	12	Frame		5,000
Schenectady, N. Y.	Gustaf Adolf	P. A. Zedren, v.p.	60	23	Frame		5,000
Bergenfield, N. J.	Clara	Karl A. Martin	30	42	Frame		4,500
Bayonne, N. J.	Eleonora	A. B. Lilja, v.p.	80	30	Frame		7,000
Dover, N. J.	Trinity	A. B. Lilja	78	35	Frame	Par	13,500
Englewood, N. J.	Bethesda	Olof Lundgren	24				
Elizabeth, N. J.	Bartholomew	Peter Froeberg, v.p.	62	20	Frame		1,500
Plainfield, N. J.	Gethsemane	Peter Froeberg, v.p.	52		Con. Fr.		5,000
West New York, N. J.	Libanon	Olof Lundgren	67	48	Stone		8,515
Altoona, Pa.	Gustaf Adolf	Carl W. Vetell	36	12	Frame		3,296
Anita, Pa.	Elim	F. A. Alford, v.p.	82	35	Frame		1,200
Brockwayville, Pa.		O. Ostrom					
Duquesne, Pa.	Zion	V. A. Lindeblad	144	65	Brick		13,500
Freehold, Pa.	Berea	J. A. Carlstrom, v.p.	132		Frame	Par	4,000
Hastings, Pa.	Bethania	Carl W. Vetell	26	13	Frame		2,200
Jersey Shore, Pa.	Gustaf Adolf	C. E. Holmer	71	24	Frame	Par	7,000
Johnsonburg, Pa.	First Luth.	A. C. Rylander	25	20			
Monessen, Pa.		V. A. Lindeblad					
Munhall, Pa.	Gethsemane	V. A. Lindeblad	37	30			
New Castle, Pa.	Zion	Emil Westlund, v.p.	53	15	Frame	Par	3,200
Norwich, Pa.							
Philadelphia, Pa.	Gustaf Adolf	C. A. Bergendoff	120	57	Brick		15,000
Philadelphia, Pa.	Zion	A. E. Ericson	124	66	St. & Br.		26,000
Pittsfield, Pa.	St. Paul	Carl Jacobson, v.p.	17		Frame		2,000
Williamsport, Pa.	Salem	C. E. Holmer	59	23	Frame		3,800
Wilson, Pa.	Bethlehem	V. A. Lindeblad	47				
Windber, Pa.	Gustaf Adolf	Carl W. Vetell	33	17	Frame		4,000
Baltimore, Md.	St. Olaf	C. A. Bergendoff, v.p.					

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					Ch.	Par.	
Washington, D. C.							
Belvedere, Ill.	Zion	M. P. Oden	190	35	Brick	Par	13,280
Canton, Ill.	Bethlehem	Waldo Ekeberg, v.p.	40	12	Frame		3,500
Chicago, Ill.	Nebo	M. C. Ranseen	221	200	Brick		30,000
*Chicago, Ill.	Bethel	Oscar Purn	96	104	Stucco		9,000
*Chicago, Ill.	Grace	Oscar Nelson	91	82	Frame		9,500
Chicago, Ill.	Messiah	F. A. Bonander	102	175	Brick	Par	10,000
Chicago, Ill.	St. Matthews	C. J. Johnson, v.p.	28	65	Brick		6,000
Chicago Heights, Ill.	Immanuel	Alfred Nelson	64	56	Frame		5,050
Cragin, Chicago, Ill.	Lebanon	E. T. Smith	105	175	Frame		5,000
Danville, Ill.		M. Frykman, v.p.	53	17	Frame	Par	6,000
Gibson City, Ill.	Salem	M. Frykman	87		Frame	Par	5,050
Gladstone, Ill.	Immanuel	W. P. Anderson	38	30			
Granville, Ill.		S. N. Elvin	80	35	Frame	Par	6,200
Harvey, Ill.	Tabor	G. K. Stark, v.p.	46	47	Frame		4,000
Kirkland, Ill.		G. Fletwood	76	36	Frame	Par	7,500
La Grange, Ill.	Emmaus	Carl Christenson, v.p.	105	104	Brick		9,000
*Moline, Ill.	Emanuel	C. A. Blomgren, v.p.	60	125	Frame		4,500
Moline, Ill.	Salem	Edward Ekström	240	160	Brick		8,800
*Moline, Ill.	Trinity	S. M. Miller	104	74	2 lots		2,800
North Henderson, Ill.		J. B. Bennett	165	20	Frame	Par	5,000
Oregon, Ill.		G. Peters	9				
Sibley, Ill.		M. Frykman	43		Frame		2,000
Stronghurst, Ill.		W. P. Anderson	121	50	Frame		6,270
Utica, Ill.	Ansgarii	S. N. Elvin	55	30	Frame		2,400
East Chicago, Ind.	St. Paul	A. W. Johnson	30	56	Frame		5,000
Gary, Ind.	Bethlehem	H. P. Ottoson	140	50	Br. & St.		15,500
Indiana Harbor, Ind.	Gennesareth	A. W. Johnson	30	45	Frame		4,500
Alabaster, Mich.		A. P. Sater, v.p.	52	36			
American Soo, Mich.		A. C. Youngdahl					
Alton, Mich.							
Detroit, Mich.	Bethlehem	G. S. Swenson	150	57	Brick	Par	13,121
Ironwood, Mich.	Zion	S. L. Wilson, v.p.	170	160	St. & Br.		14,200
Isabella, Mich.	Bethany	Vacant	20	10	Frame		1,200
Michigamme, Mich.	Bethlehem	C. E. Lindquist, v.p.	17		Frame		1,000
Munising, Mich.	Eden	C. E. Lundgren, v.p.	77	43	Cement		6,000
Negaunee, Mich.	Bethania	C. C. Lindquist	107	95	Frame	Par	3,700
Newberry, Mich.	Messias	A. C. Youngdahl	100	91	Frame	Par	6,300
North Escanaba, Mich.	Vasa						
Oscoda, Mich.	Eleazar	Vacant	25		Frame		2,500
Ogontz, Mich.							
Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.	Elim	A. C. Youngdahl	30		Fr. & Con		3,500
St. Ignace, Mich.	Zion	Herman Lind	44	22	Frame		2,000
Skandia, Mich.	Emanuel	C. E. Lundgren, v.p.	30	20	Brick		3,000
Sparta, Mich.	Mamre	V. I. Vestling	209	60	Frame	Par	6,000
Stonington, Mich.	Bethel	C. A. Lund, v.p.	66	32	Frame		1,500
Whitefish, Mich.		Vacant	40		Frame		1,200
Amery, Wis.	Ebenezer	M. Th. Andren	83	27	Frame	Par	5,100
Bennett, Wis.	Immanuel	A. T. Ekblad, v.p.	44	14	Frame		2,000
Bayfield, Wis.		A. Road	24	25	Frame		2,500
Conover, Wis.	Gustaf Adolt	S. L. Wilson, v.p.	51	60	Land		400
Falun, Wis.	North Sweden	S. Udden	30	13	Frame	Par	1,500
Glen Flora, Wis.							
Grand Rapids, Wis.	Bethesda	J. A. Nordling	39		Frame		700
Grantsburg, Wis.	Salem	S. Udden	27	22	Frame	Par	2,500
Madison, Wis.		E. H. Karlson	68		Frame		5,800
Man Valley, Wis.		C. O. Olander, v.p.	34	17	Frame		1,200
Mellen, Wis.	Zion	S. L. Wilson, v.p.	34	27	Frame		2,200
Milwaukee, Wis.	First Sw.	F. Swenson	69	45	Frame	Par	7,000
Mosling, Wis.	Zion	C. J. Karl, v.p.	22		Frame		2,500
Mountain, Wis.	Tabor						
New Richmond, Wis.		C. O. Olander, v.p.	30	15	Brick		2,500
Poplar, Wis.	Bethania	A. T. Ekblad, v.p.	75	57	Frame	Par	4,000
Port Wing, Wis.		E. J. Norden	102	62	Frame	Par	6,500
Prentice, Wis.	Bethlehem	C. J. Silfversten	90	45	Frame	Par	4,500
Racine, Wis.	First	J. Hultberg	80	32	Brick	Par	18,000
Rice Lake, Wis.	Immanuel	M. Th. Andren, v.p.	118	30	Frame	Par	4,000
Shell Lake, Wis.	Salem	M. Th. Andren, v.p.	45	20	Frame		2,000
Unity, Wis.		J. A. Nordling	54		Frame		1,100

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					Ch.	Par.	
Washburn, Wis.	Emanuel.	A. Road.	32	18	Frame.	Par	2,600
Wood River, Wis.	Ansgarii.	S. Udden.	50	15	Log & Fr.	Par	1,500
Afton, Minn.		C. E. Benson, v.p.	125	27	Frame.		1,800
Aitkin Co., Minn.	Maria.	J. A. Gustafson.	40	15	Frame.		1,200
Aitkin Co., Minn.	Bethlehem.	J. A. Gustafson.	102		Frame.		1,400
Aitkin, Minn.	St. Paul.	J. A. Gustafson.	110	31	Frame.	Par	6,250
Anoka, Minn.	Zion.	J. E. Erlander.	64	35	Frame.	Par	4,500
Aldrich, Minn.	Balsamlund.	E. V. Isaacson.	79	11	Frame.	Par	1,525
Belview, Minn.	Immanuel.	C. A. Lindahl.	90	25	Frame.		10,250
Bemidji, Minn.	Bethel.	J. H. Randahl.	36	32	Frame.		3,300
Badger, Minn.	Bethania.	Vacant.	40	28	Frame.		1,255
Brunswick, Minn.		Oscar Ebb.	117	82	Frame.	Par	3,000
Christine, Minn.		C. O. Bergquist.	90	20	Frame.	Par	7,600
Christdala, Minn.		Vacant.	100	20	Frame.	Par	3,000
Carlton, Minn.	Bethesda.	E. J. Peterson.	73	48	Frame.	Par	5,000
Chisholm, Minn.	Salem.	J. B. A. Idstrom.	25	3	Lots.		2,500
Compton, Minn.		E. V. Isaacson.	110	40	Log.		4,100
Clear Brook, Minn.	Betsaida.	H. S. Chilgren.	44	30	Frame.		1,800
Clear Brook, Minn.	Oak Park.	H. S. Chilgren.	57		Frame.		3,000
Crosby, Minn.	Immanuel.	S. H. J. Swanson.	47		Block.		2,500
Cuyuna, Minn.	Dalnas.	S. Hj. Swanson.	20	40			
Cromwell, Minn.							
Crookston, Minn.	Emanuel.	Vacant.	72	30	Frame.		2,000
Dell Grove, Minn.		G. Peterson.	65	16	Frame.		1,200
Deerwood, Minn.	First Sw.	S. Hj. Swanson.	63	60	Frame.		1,200
Detroit, Minn.	Trinity.	B. Modin.	110	40	Frame.	Par	5,000
*Duluth, Minn.	Trinity.	F. O. Hanson.	216	197	Brick.		18,000
Dundee, Minn.	Lund.	L. J. Fihn.	37	43	Frame.		1,500
East Chain Lake, Minn.		O. J. Nelson, v.p.	50	20	Frame.	Par	2,800
Englund, Minn.	Salem.	C. G. Grönberg.	65	22	Fr. & Log.	Par	6,000
Ely, Minn.	Bethania.	H. Thorene, v.p.	30	35	Frame.		3,000
Fertile, Minn.	St. John's.	Vacant.	74		Frame.		800
Fosston, Minn.	Asphult.	Vacant.	39		Frame.		1,500
Fairmont, Minn.		O. J. Nelson, v.p.	20				
Fridsborg, Minn.		C. O. Bergquist.	42	18	Frame.		1,700
Grayley, Minn.							
Greenbush, Minn.	Saron.	M. Peterson.	60		Frame.		1,700
Grand Rapids, Minn.	Zion.	C. O. Swan, v.p.	8		Frame.		2,500
Gotalund, Minn.		J. A. Wagner, v.p.	69	20	Frame.		2,500
Hibbing, Minn.	Immanuel.	J. B. A. Idstrom.	108	127	Frame.	Par	10,000
Hart Lake, Minn.	Zion.	J. H. Randahl.	40	21	Frame.		2,000
Hinckley, Minn.		G. Peterson.	84	35	Frame.	Par	5,500
Hishult, Minn.		Vacant.	31				
Hoflunda, Minn.		Vacant.	60	11	Frame.		1,400
Hopkins, Minn.	Gethsemane.	Vacant.	128	99	Br. & Fr.	Par	7,500
Isle, Minn.		Vacant.	18		Frame.	Par	2,000
Kandiyohi Co., Minn.	Bethany.	A. J. Ryden, v.p.	33		Frame.		2,000
Kansas Lake, Minn.		A. T. Lundholm, v.p.	119	33	Cem. Blocks.		8,000
Lakefield, Minn.	Gustaf Adolf.	J. E. Shipp, v.p.	16		Frame.		2,000
Lancaster, Minn.	Zion.	M. A. Henrickson.	44	30	Frame.	Par	4,000
Lengby, Minn.	Fridhem.	Vacant.	30				
Lengby, Minn.	Poplar Lake.	Vacant.	68		Frame.		2,000
Lyndale, Minn.		J. A. Wagner, v.p.	53		Fr. & Br.		3,500
McIntosh, Minn.	Salem.	W. E. Erickson.	53	8	Frame.		1,400
Mamrelund, Minn.		Chas. Swenson.	75		Frame.	Par	6,500
Meadow Lands, Minn.	Maria.	J. B. A. Idstrom.	30		Frame.		
Milaca, Minn.	Zion.	G. L. Dogner.	180	90	Brick.	Par	14,000
*Minneapolis, Minn.	Grace.	C. A. Wendell.	65	100	Frame.		14,000
*Minneapolis, Minn.	Saron.	C. A. Wendell.	95	70	Frame.		3,000
Minneapolis, Minn.	Bethany.	Vacant.	108	225	Frame.		2,700
Minneapolis, Minn.	Libanon.	Vacant.	45	120	Concrete.		2,500
Morris, Minn.							
Moose Lake, Minn.	Bethlehem.	L. J. Sundquist.	25	12	Frame.		2,500
Mora, Minn.		Oscar Ebb.	121	45	Frame.		2,000
Nylunda, Minn.		Alex Sand.	40	4	Brick.		2,200
North Oaks, Minn.	Bethania.	John A. Levine.	50		Fr. & Br.		1,500
Onamia, Minn.							
Opstead.	Immanuel.	Vacant.	23		Frame.		750
Pine Grove, Minn.		Eric N. Hedeon.	72	21	Frame.		2,000

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					Ch.	Par.	
Princeton, Minn.	Emanuel.	M. Peterson.	47	20	Frame.		3,780
Quiring, Minn.	Capernaum.	Vacant.	19				
Roseau, Minn.	Clara.	Vacant.	69	20	Frame.	Par	5,000
Sebek, Minn.	Trinity.	E. V. Isaacson.	45	32	Frame.		1,000
So. Stillwater, Minn.	Bethesda.	C. E. Benson, v.p.	66	24	Frame.	Par	4,000
St. Cloud, Minn.	Salem.	G. A. Ostergren.	85	60	Brick.	Par	11,500
St. Paul, Minn.	Salem.	C. E. Elving.	64	60	Frame.		3,000
*St. Paul, Minn.	Arlington Hills.	Nels Lundgren.	160	170	Frame.		7,000
St. Paul, Minn.	Augustana.	J. E. Erikson.	50	38	Frame.		2,800
St. Paul, Minn.	Clara.	A. Noren.	178	115	Frame.		4,000
*St. Paul, Minn.	Gloria Dei.	Vacant.	182	102	Fr. & Br.		25,000
Silver Creek, Minn.		Vacant.	40		Fr. & Br.		1,800
Soudan, Minn.	Bethel.	H. Thorene v.p.	34	40	Frame.		1,000
Thief River Falls, Minn.	First.	Albin Larson.	42	18	Frame.		4,000
Tower, Minn.	Immanuel.	Hugo Thorene, v.p.	35	30	Frame.		1,500
Triumph, Minn.		O. J. Nelson, v.p.	66	27	Frame.		2,000
Waseca, Minn.		C. J. Rosenquist.	26		Frame.		1,900
West Rock Creek, Minn.		Eric N. Hedeon.	35		Frame.		1,200
Warroad, Minn.	Zion.	A. Hoorn.	24	13	Frame.		2,000
Willow Creek, Minn.	Gustaf Adolf.	A. Hoorn.	24				
Wheaton, Minn.	Gustaf Adolf.	J. W. Lundgren.	105	41	Frame.	Par	8,750
West Duluth, Minn.	Bethel.	J. A. Krantz, v.p.	105	90	Frame.	Par	5,300
Wright, Minn.							
White Bear, Minn.		J. A. Levine.	58	15	Frame.		3,300
Zimmerman, Minn.	Livonia.	M. Peterson.	11		Frame.		200
Adams, N. D.	Gustaf Adolf.	G. Wahlund, v.p.	43		Frame.		3,000
Antler, N. D.		C. O. Gulleen.	23				
Bergen, N. D.	Elim.	A. P. Green.	25	40	Frame.		2,700
Bismarck, N. D.		E. F. Alfson.	35	50	Brick.	Par	8,500
Braddock, N. D.	Maria.	E. F. Alfson.	88	25	Frame.		4,500
Basto, N. D.	Birka.	E. O. Valberg.	47	20	Frame.	Par	6,755
Finley, N. D.	Hofva.	E. A. Martell.	27	20	Frame.		2,600
Flasher, N. D.	Salem.	A. G. Olson.	16	23			
Gascoyne, N. D.	Bethesda.	B. N. Glim.	12	19			
Glenburn, N. D.	Bethania.	A. P. Green.	17	20	Lots.		250
Greene, N. D.	Messiah.	C. O. Gulleen.	26				
Haley, N. D.	Saron.	B. N. Glim.	10				
Lignite, N. D.	Bethania.	J. B. Sorenson.	29	15	Frame.		3,000
Malcolm, N. D.	Bethel.	E. O. Valberg.	44	18		Par	1,350
Midway, N. D.	Saron.	A. G. Olson.	14	5			
Minot, N. D.		A. P. Green.	22	18	Frame.	Par	8,625
Niobe, N. D.	Elmdale.	J. B. Sorenson.	75	49	Frame.	Par	4,300
Plumes, N. D.	Hermon.	J. B. Sorenson.	63	12	2 acres land.		790
Souris, N. D.	Zion.	C. O. Gulleen.	72	12	Stone.		3,500
Tolley, N. D.		C. O. Gulleen.	54		Frame.		3,000
Underwood, N. D.	Augustana.	E. O. Valberg.	23	20	Lot.		60
Charles Mix Co., S. D.	Fridhem.	G. E. Rydquist.	31	12	Frame.		3,000
Dallas, S. D.	Bethlehem.	J. J. Richard.	43	17	Frame.		2,300
Geddes, S. D.	Platte Valley.	G. E. Rydquist.	50		Frame.		1,500
Hamill, S. D.	Zion.	J. J. Richard.	30	15	Frame.		1,400
Harding Co., S. D.	Immanuel.	B. N. Glim.	34	10			
Mitchell, S. D.	Bethlehem.	G. E. Rydquist.	32		Frame.		5,500
Orient, S. D.		C. C. Cesander, v.p.	20	11		Par	2,200
Webster, S. D.	Augustana.	C. E. Shaleen, v.p.	51	25			
Amisk, Alta, Can.	Bethania.	O. Lindgren.	15				
Assinoboia, Sask., Can.	Immanuel.						
Buchanan, Sask., Can.	Elim.	Vacant.	10				
Clive, Alta, Can.	Saron.	Vacant.	20		Frame.		2,000
Czar, Alta., Can.	Immanuel.	O. Lindgren.	43	10	Frame.		3,000
Calgary, Alta., Can.	First Sw., Luth.	Vacant.	87	35	Br. & Fr.	Par	50,000
Camrose, Alta., Can.	Fridhem.	O. Lindgren, v.p.	34		Frame.		3,000
Dubuc, Sask, Can.	New Sweden.	Vacant.	78	30	Frame.		1,906
Eriksdale, Man., Can.	Gethsemane.	Vacant.	34	28			
Edberg, Alta., Can.	Meeting Creek.	Vacant.	20				
Falun, Alta., Can.	Dalby.	Vacant.	15				
Fort William, Ont., Can.	Zion.	F. E. Olson.	80	25	Brick.	Par	12,200
Gull Lake, Sask., Can.		K. J. Bring, v.p.	27	15			
Goodwater, Sask., Can.	Bethel.						
Hamilton, Can.	St. Paul.	C. Thurstone, Stu.					

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Inwood, Man., Can.							
Kelliher, Sask., Can.	Bethel.	Vacant.	50		Frame.		2,500
Kenora, Ont., Can.	Bethesda.	J. O. Lindquist.	124	122	Frame.	Par	5,760
Kingman, Alta., Can.	Gustaf Adolf.	Vacant.	18				
Kinistino, Sask., Can.	Zion.	Vacant.	75	12	Frame.	Par	2,000
Lillisvie, Man., Can.	Mamre.		30				
Lac Du Bonnet, Can.							
Lundemo, Alta., Can.	Wilhelmina.		56	30	Frame.		2,000
Malmo To, Alta., Can.	Svea.	Vacant.	26		Log.		1,600
Melfort, Sask., Can.	Bethesda.	Vacant.	34	18	Frame.		900
Moose Jaw, Sask., Can.	Fryksande.	Vacant.	22		Frame.		1,000
Marchwell, Sask., Can.	Sw. Luth.	Vacant.	44	9	Frame.		2,000
Port Arthur, Ont., Can.	Immanuel.	F. E. Olson.	38	20	Cement.		3,900
Stettler, Alta, Can.	Dauids.	Vacant.	15		Frame.		2,700
Saskatoon, Sask., Can.							
Swift Current, Sask., Can.	Klara.	K. J. Bring, v.p.	39	20			
Toronto, Can.	First Scand. Luth.	C. Thurstone.					
Theodore, Sask., Can.	Elim.	Vacant.	50				
Usona, Alta., Can.		Vacant.	18				
Wadena, Sask., Can.	Ebenezer.	Vacant.	10				
Waldeck, Sask., Can.	Elim.	K. J. Bring, v.p.	16				
Wetaskiwin, Alta., Can.	Bethlehem.	Vacant.	48	18	Frame.		3,000
Whitemouth, Man., Can.	Immanuel.	J. P. Lindquist.	12				
Yorkton, Sask., Can.							
Young, Sask., Can.	Salem.	Vacant.	32				
Albia, Iowa.	Ebenezer.	O. A. Landell.	18	10		Par	5,575
Akron, Iowa.	Immanuel.	D. A. Knock.	38	48	Fr. & Br.	Par	15,000
Cedar Rapids, Iowa.	Saron.	A. G. Fjellman.	60	51	Frame.	Par	12,000
Centerville, Iowa.		O. A. Landell.	103	35	Frame.	Par	4,500
Council Bluffs, Iowa.	Immanuel.	E. Glad.	88	32	Brick.	Par	10,000
Creston, Ia.	Salem.	Vacant.	139	32	Frame.	Par	9,000
Delaware, Ia.	Immanuel.	E. C. Jessup.	68	18	Frame.		2,200
Des Moines, Ia.	Grandview.	Carl Lorimer.	145	125	Frame.		8,250
*Des Moines, Ia.	Bethany.	Carl Lorimer, v.p.	88	30	Frame.		6,000
Fort Dodge, Ia.	First Sw.	Emil Lund.	148	40	Brick.	Par	15,000
Fort Dodge, Ia.	Bethlehem.	H. W. Linden.	170	45	Brick.	Par	15,000
Fairfield, Ia.	Immanuel.	Emil Swenson.	45	21	Frame.		3,300
Hiteman, Ia.	Augustana.	O. A. Landell.	31	13	Frame.		1,800
Keokuk, Ia.		Vacant.	82	18	Frame.	Par	6,000
*Lockridge, Ia.	Trinity.	Emil Swenson.	62	72	Cm. Bl.	Par	8,500
Marcus, Ia.	Carmel.	J. P. Nordstrom.	76	32	Frame.	Par	8,000
Mason City, Ia.	Immanuel.	H. W. Linden, v.p.	59	12			
Marshalltown, Ia.		O. A. Henry.	92	27	Brick.	Par	12,000
Meriden, Ia.	St. Jacob's.	J. P. Nordstrom.	29				
McGregor, Ia.		E. C. Jessup.	56	32	Frame.		1,400
Shenandoah, Ia.	Immanuel.	G. O. Guftafson.	55	25	Frame.	Par	6,000
Sioux City, Ia.	Immanuel.	S. C. Franzen.	79	50	Frame.	Par	14,500
Summitville, Ia.	Victoria.	Vacant.	29	22	Frame.		600
Spencer, Ia.	Bethesda.	A. E. Gustafson.	64	15	Frame.	Par	3,500
Vinton, Ia.	Bethlehem.	A. G. Fjellman.	49		Frame.		800
Bucklin, Mo.	Bethlehem.	Vacant.	26		Frame.		900
St. Louis, Mo.	Gethsemane.	C. J. Segerhammar.	159	70	Brick.	Par	22,000
Swedeborg, Mo.		Vacant.	22		Frame.		1,000
Verona, Mo.		Vacant.	27	24	Frame.		1,000
Anoka, Neb.	Messias.	O. A. Johnson.	53	60	Frame.		800
Benson, Neb.	Augustana.	C. G. Bloomquist.	53	35	Frame.		6,500
Florence, Neb.	Ebenezer.	Vacant.	6		Frame.		2,500
Genoa, Neb.	Augustana.	Carl G. Olson.	114	75	Brick.	Par	20,500
Havelock, Neb.							
Hershey, Neb.	Maria.	Kenneth Bescher.	47	30			
Kearney, Neb.		Kenneth Bescher.	50	28	Frame.	Par	5,550
Minden, Neb.	Nazareth.	Vacant.	46	22	Frame.		4,500
Norman, Neb.	Falun.	Vacant.	26		Frame.		2,650
Scandinavia, Neb.	Immanuel.	O. G. Berg.	87	20	Frame.		4,895
So. Omaha, Neb.	Gethsemane.	C. G. Bloomquist.	83	35	Frame.		4,000
Cheyenne, Wyo.		Vacant.	12	14	Frame.		5,200
Rock Springs, Wyo.		Vacant.	14				
Sheridan, Wyo.	Libanon.	O. T. Floodberg, Stu.	35	31	Frame.		3,000
Brantford, Kans.	Zion.	C. F. Granere.	91	30	Stone.	Par	6,500

1. Augustana Synod (Continued).

PLACE	CHURCH	PASTOR	Commu- nicants	S. S. Scholars	Church Property		Value of Property
					Ch.	Par.	
Chanute, Kans.		F. W. Hanson.					
Herndon, Kans.		Vacant.	42	20	Frame.		2,000
Manhattan, Kans.		F. W. Hanson.	19	19	Frame.		3,500
Ottawa, Kans.	Emanuel.	Vacant.	41	4	Stone.		2,000
Ogallah, Kans.	Bethesda.	A. P. Martin.	32		Frame.		1,500
Page City, Kans.	Enne.	Vacant.	51	27	Frame.		500
Rawlins Co., Kans.	Amana.	A. A. Norden.	120	80	St. & Br.	Par	14,000
Scandia, Kans.	Saron.	A. P. Martin.	27	34	Frame.	Par	1,800
Sharon Springs, Kans.	Bethania.	A. P. Martin.	75	85	Frame.	Par	1,600
Stockholm, Kans.	Bethel.	F. W. Hanson.	101	35	Frame.	Par	3,000
Vilas, Kans.	Fridhem.	F.O.W. Gustafson.	34		Brick.		5,900
Ault, Colo.	Bethesda.	A. M. Broleen.	36	15	St. & Br.		3,500
Boulder, Colo.		Carl Walleen, v.p.	60	20	St. & Br.		5,600
Colorado Springs, Colo.		J. H. Nelson.					
Cripple Creek, Colo.	Bethania.	R. P. Acsell.	150	105	St. & Br.	Par	13,000
Denver, Colo.	Immanuel.	F.O.W. Gustafson.	104	45	Brick.		9,000
Greeley, Colo.	Elim.	Vacant.	25		Lot.		300
Haxtum, Colo.	Zion.	O. M. Anderson.	44	25	Frame.	Par	3,000
Idaho Springs, Colo.	Bethania.	Sam. E. Johnson.	61	45	Frame.	Par	4,000
Leadville, Colo.	Zion.	A. M. Broleen.	83	25	Frame.	Par	4,000
Loveland, Colo.	Nebo.	J. H. Nelson.	120	54	Brick.	Par	4,100
Victor, Colo.	Immanuel.	A. S. Segerhammar.	44	24	St. & Br.		6,000
Oklahoma City, Okla.	Gethsemane.	G. C. Olson.	154	50	Frame.	Par	20,000
Austin, Texas.	Emmanuel.	M. Noyd.	30		Frame.		2,500
Dallas, Texas.	Moline.	C. O. Nordell.	68	20	Frame.	Par	4,380
Elroy, Texas.	Gustaf Adolf.	M. Noyd.	38	20	Brick.	Par	16,000
Fort Worth, Texas.	Zion.	O. Cassling.	65	60	Frame.	Par	15,000
Galveston, Tex.	Elim.	O. Sylvan.	22	17	Frame.		1,800
Kenedy, Tex.	Emaus.	G. C. Olson, v. p.	45	25	Frame.		2,000
Manor, Tex.	Eden.	O. H. Sylvan.	47	6	Frame.		2,600
Olivia, Tex.	Tabor.	J. C. Carlson.	23	27	Frame.		1,000
Arleta, Ore.	Memorial Eng.	C. J. Renhard, v.p.	67	92	Frame.		4,500
*Astoria, Ore.	Valby.	Vacant.	40		Frame.		1,000
Gooseberry, Ore.	Columbia.	B. S. Nystrom.	28	10	Lot.		300
Magyer, Ore.	Eden.	J. E. Carlson, v.p.	41	23	Frame.		2,500
Melrose, Ore.	Bethlehem.	B. S. Nystrom.	32	6	Frame.		800
Mist, Ore.	Saron.	J. E. Carlson.	68	27	Frame.		1,100
Powell Valley, Ore.	Bethania.	B. S. Nystrom.	85	60	Frame.		2,500
Warren, Ore.	Siloam.	J. Truedson.	6				
Aberdeen, Wash.	Immanuel.	N. J. W. Nelson.	23	30	Frame.		4,000
Bellingham, Wash.	St. Johannes.	O. R. Karlstrom.	26	15	Frame.		1,000
Bothell, Wash.	Elim.	B. S. Nystrom.	60	20	Frame.		1,000
Brush Prairie, Wash.	First.	N. J. W. Nelson.	64	37	Frame.		500
Clearbrook, Wash.		J. Truedson.					
Ethel, Wash.	Zion.	A. V. Anderson.	99	97	Frame.	Par	12,000
Everett, Wash.	Immanuel.	N. J. W. Nelson.	8	10	Frame.		300
Ferndale, Wash.	Ebenezer.	A. V. Anderson.	43	37	Lot.		260
Hartford, Wash.	Saron.	J. Truedson.	38	55	Frame.		3,000
Hoquiam, Wash.							
Manzanita, Wash.	Salem.	G. F. Anderson.	65	44			
Mt. Vernon, Wash.							
Marysville, Wash.	Immanuel.	Herman Anderson.	35	16	Lot.		1,200
North Yakima, Wash.	Sw. Fin.	A. M. Green.	18	18	Frame.		2,500
Olympia, Wash.	Sw. Fin.	J. Truedson.	50	35	Frame.		2,200
Rochester, Wash.	Bethel.	Vacant.	110	97	Frame.		7,000
Seattle, Wash.	Bethany.	O. R. Karlstrom.	140	160	Frame.	Par	13,000
Seattle, Wash.	Swedish-Finish.	J. H. Warmanen.	73	42	Frame.		9,000
Seattle, Wash.		Vacant.	40	32	Frame.		2,500
Sedro-Woolley, Wash.	Trinity.	V. G. Ogren.	24	56	Frame.	Par	7,500
*Spokane, Wash.	Zion.	O. L. Karlstrom.	152	75	Br. & Frame.		26,000
Spokane, Wash.	First.	N. J. W. Nelson.	29	14	Frame.		3,000
So. Bellingham, Wash.	Immanuel.	A. M. Green.	55	46	Frame.	Par	5,400
Tacoma, Wash.	Bethel.	A. M. Green.			Frame.		3,000
Tacoma, Wash.	Sunne.	A. M. Green, v.p.	34		Frame.		1,000
Vega, Wash.	Elim.	O. R. Karlstrom.	16	10	Lot.		200
Waterman, Wash.		Vacant.	15	21	Frame.		1,700
West Port Blakely, Wash.	Immanuel.	Carl E. Anderson.	27	14	Frame.		2,500
New Westminster, B. C.		J. A. Levin.					
Prince Rupert, B. C.							

1. Augustana Synod (Continued).

PLACE	CHURCH	PASTOR	Commu- nicants	S. S. Scholars	Church Property		Value of Property
					Ch.	Par.	
S. E. British Columbia..		J. A. Levin					
Berkeley, Cal.....	Bethania	A. Kinell	45	69	Frame		7,208
Eureka, Cal.....	Eureka	Vacant	40	32	Frame		6,500
Escalon, Cal.....	Sharon	W. X. Magnuson, v.p	61	31	Frame		3,000
Fresno, Cal.....	First Sw. Luth.	Vacant	21		Frame		5,000
Irwin City, Cal.....	Berea	W. X. Magnuson	56	25	Frame		3,200
Kerman, Cal.....	Bethania	Vacant	73	34	Frame		3,800
Pasadena, Cal.....	Trinity	L. N. Dahlsten	41				
Riverside, Cal.....	Eden	L. N. Dahlsten	61	24	Frame		11,000
San Francisco, Cal.....	Emanuel	N. P. Anseen, v.p.	35	98	Frame		7,000
Turloch, Cal.....	Nazareth	W. X. Magnuson	55	28	Frame		3,400
Bingham, Utah.....	Bethlehem	O. B. Hanson	25		Frame		2,000
Eureka, Utah.....	Bethel	O. B. Hanson	15				
Ogden, Utah.....	Elim	O. B. Hanson	36		Frame	Par	6,500
Park City, Utah.....	St. John's	O. B. Hanson	29		Frame		2,500
*Provo, Utah.....	Bethany	O. B. Hanson	3		Brick	Par	5,000
Salt Lake City, Utah.....	Zion	O. B. Hanson	69	34	Brick	Par	26,000
Black Foot, Idaho.....	Immanuel	Luther Stromquist	28		Frame		6,000
Boise, Idaho.....	Immanuel	C. E. Olsson	40	16	Stone	Par	20,000
*Burley, Idaho.....		C. E. Olsson	16		Frame		1,200
Coeur d' Alene, Idaho.....	Zion	Oscar Liden	52	30	Frame		3,000
Firth, Idaho.....	Bethel	Luther Cornay	38		Frame		3,500
Idaho Falls, Idaho.....	Gustaf Adolf	Luther Cornay	60		Frame	Par	7,000
Kellogg, Idaho.....							
Moore, Idaho.....		Luther Stromquist					
Mullan, Idaho.....							
Pocatello, Idaho.....		Luther Stromquist					
*Payette, Idaho.....	Immanuel	C. E. Olsson	25	12	Frame		2,000
Sand Point, Idaho.....							
Shelley, Idaho.....	Bethel	Luther Cornay	12		Frame		500
Troy, Idaho.....	Westdala	Otto Westling	109	75	Frame	Par	4,500
Wallace, Idaho.....							
Douglas, Alaska.....	Immanuel	M. L. Larson	68		Frame	Par	6,000
Juneau, Alaska.....		M. L. Larson					
*Barber, Mont.....	Grace	O. T. Floodberg, Stu.	16	14	Stone		450
Billings, Mont.....		O. T. Floodberg, Stu.					
Bonner, Mont.....		Arthur Larson, Stu.					
Butte, Mont.....	Emanuel	D. N. Anderson	82	67	Frame		5,000
E. Helena, Mont.....		P. A. Fair					
Great Falls, Mont.....	Bethlehem	C. G. Anderson	151	76	Brick	Par	20,000
Helena, Mont.....	St. John's	P. A. Fair	80	21	Brick	Par	12,000
Hamilton, Mont.....		Arthur Larson, Stu.					
Lothrop, Mont.....		Arthur Larson, Stu.					
Missoula, Mont.....	Emanuel	Arthur Larson, Stu.			Frame		6,308
Red Lodge, Mont.....		O. T. Floodberg, Stu.					
Roundup, Mont.....							
Birmingham, Ala.....		A. A. Swanlund					
Ensley, Ala.....		A. A. Swanlund					
Fruithurst, Ala.....	Emanuel	A. A. Swanlund	16				
Silver Hill, Ala.....	Zion	A. A. Swanlund	13				
St. Elmo, Ala.....		A. A. Swanlund					
Thorsby, Ala.....	Concordia	A. A. Swanlund	59	49	Frame	Par	3,800
Theodore, Ala.....		A. A. Swanlund					
De Land, Fla.....		Vacant					
Pierson, Fla.....	Ebenezer	Vacant	55	10	Frame	Par	5,000
Sanford, Fla.....	Upsala	Vacant	8		Frame		1,000
Memphis, Tenn.....	Immanuel	J. P. Leaf					
Tennessee Ridge, Tenn..	Immanuel	J. P. Leaf	44	40	Frame		2,000
Total.....	470 Missions.....	184 Missionaries.....	24,114	12,569			\$1,873,076

Of the 470 missions, 452 are Swedish and 18 (marked*) are English; V. p. signifies vice-pastor; these are not included in the total of missionaries. In this report are included, as far as can be ascertained, all congregations receiving aid from the Synod or its Conferences.

3. CANADA SYNOD

PLACE	CHURCH	PASTOR	Commu- nicants	S. S. Scholars	Church Property		Value of Property
					Ch.	Par.	
Auburn	Salem	Rev. K. Ziegler	68	21	Frame	Par	6,000
Pt. Elgin	Salem	Rev. Dr. Kasdorf	239	60	Frame	Par	9,000
Arnprior	St. John's	Rev. F. Christiansen	162	30	Frame	Par	7,000
Admaston	St. James	Rev. J. Alberti	325	65	Frame	Par	10,000
Maynooth	Christ	Rev. J. Schmidt	121	40	Frame	Par	6,000
Denbigh	St. Paul's	Rev. M. Hamm	268	45	Frame	Par	9,000
Raglan	St. Stephen's	6 Missionaries	1183	261	Stone	Par	9,000
Quadeville	Preaching Station						
Greenlake	Grace				Brick	Par	10,000
Wilberforce	Bethlehem				Frame	Par	5,000
Bonnechere	St. John's				Frame	Par	6,000
Massey	Zion				Frame	Par	6,000
Chalk River	Trinity				Frame	Par	5,000
Haileybury	Preaching Stations						
New Liskeard							
Porguis Jct.							
Cochrane							
Matheson							
Ladysmith	St. John's						
19 Missions							\$47,000

4. MINISTERIUM OF NEW YORK

Paterson, N. J.	St. John's	H. Beiderbecke, Sr.	64	31	Frame	Par	\$5,000
North Newark, N. J.	St. Paul's	F. Holter	94	90	Frame	Par	7,500
Lynbrook, N. Y.	St. John's	A. F. Keller	155	105	Frame	Par	5,000
Valley Stream, N. Y.	St. Paul's	A. F. Keller	40	60	Frame	Par	3,000
Floral Park, N. Y.	Christ	Theo. Hoffmeister	70	55	Frame	Par	3,775
Germantown, L. I., N. Y.	Christ	E. Podszus	36				
Mineola, N. Y.	Preaching Stat	Wm. R. Meyer					
New Bedford, Mass.	St. John's	H. Reumann	88	47	Frame	Par	8,000
Madison, Conn.	Immanuel's	H. F. Lutz	62	35	Frame	Par	5,000
Deep River, Conn.	Preaching Stat	H. F. Lutz	21				
Winthrop, Conn.	Preaching Stat	H. F. Lutz	47				
Hartford, Conn.	Holy Trinity	O. E. Heydenreich	195	111	Frame	Par	16,000
New Brunswick, N. J.	Hungarian	Alex Szabo	136	25	Frame	Par	7,500
Windsor Terrace, N. Y.	St. Mark's	A. C. Misch	136	127	Frame	Par	5,000
East Northport, N. Y.	St. Paul's	Geo. J. V. Schoeling	50	58	Frame	Par	4,000
Brockport, N. Y.	Concordia	C. Masius	125	190	Frame	Par	5,000
Potter, N. Y.	Ev. Lutheran	F. E. Reissig			Frame	Par	4,000
Bristol, Conn.	Zion's	Th. Beussel	180	47	Frame	Par	10,000
Ghent-Harlemville, N. Y.	Immanuel's	K. Riebesell	140	100	Frame	Par	9,000
Ravena, N. Y.	St. John's	Friedli Heinecken	51	24	Frame	Par	8,000
White Plains, N. Y.	St. Matthew's	Gustave Gille	72	55	Frame	Par	5,000
No. Tarrytown, N. Y.	St. John's	Gustave Gille	27	30	Frame	Par	
Total	22 Missions	18 Missionaries	1,769	1,210			\$100,775

5. PENNSYLVANIA MINISTERIUM

N. Cramer Hill	Christ	Wilhelm Hingkeldey	149	175			30,000
Tacony, Pa.	Tacony	A. Biemuller	195	135			12,000
Philadelphia, Pa.	Bristol	A. Biemuller	48	38			11,800
Germantown	St. Thomas	H. P. Fresemann	120	80			10,000
Camden, N. J.	Nazareth	Otto Dietrich	260	142			2,500
Woodbury, N. J.	St. Johannis	F. Teegen	50	27			5,250
Gloucester, N. J.	Bethanien	Emil Scheick	67	60			3,500
Williamstown, N. J.	St. John's	Emil Scheick	60	40			8,000
Philadelphia, Pa.	Erloeser	G. A. Greve	122	164			
Carbondale, Pa.	St. Paul's	R. Lucas	119	96			
Philadelphia, Pa.	St. Peter's Italian	Aug. D.E. Benedetto	25	164			
Total	11 Missions	9 Missionaries	1,275	1,121			\$83,050

6. PITTSBURGH SYNOD

Ashtabula, O.	First English	C. L. V. Dozer	65	120	Brick		\$11,500
Avonmore, Pa.	St. Paul's	C. L. V. Dozer		57			
Saltsburg, Pa.	St. Andrew's	F. W. Ash	170	7	Brick		14,000
	St. James	F. W. Ash		34	Brick		
	St. John's	F. W. Ash		69			
	Fenneltown	F. W. Ash					

PITTSBURGH SYNOD (Continued)

Baden, Conway, Pa. . . .	Christ's	F. W. Richter	127	75	Frame . . . Frame	\$ 12,500
	First	F. W. Richter		104	Brick	
Bellevue, Pa.	Emanuel's	B. F. Hankey	230	178	Stone	27,000
Braddock, Pa.	Trinity	S. K. Herbster	138	102	Frame	8,000
Bridgeport, O.	Trinity	D.P.T.Crickenberg'r	125	192	Brick Brick	18,000
Bridgeville, Pa.	Zion		76	59	Frame . . . Frame	8,500
Cambridge Springs, Pa. .	Grace		11		Frame	2,500
Conneaut, O.	Grace	P. I. Morentz	56	51	Brick	4,500
Corry, Pa.	St. Paul's	Wm. Hall	72	78	Brick	3,000
Coudersport, Pa.	St. Paul's	J. D. Sappenfield . . .	75	45		3,700
Edinboro, Pa.	St. Paul's	M. E. Kunkleman . . .	180	57		6,000
	Trinity	M. E. Kunkleman . . .		26		
	St. Peter's	M. E. Kunkleman . . .				
Erie, Pa.	St. Matthew's	H. F. Gruhn	216	165	Frame . . . Frame	12,000
Farrell, Pa.	Grace	J. J. Neudoerffer . . .	170	244	Frame	8,800
Johnsonburg, Pa.	St. John's	A. Gruhn	176	126	Brick Brick	8,100
Latrobe, Pa.	Christ's (G)	J. Th. Kaehler	55	36	Frame . . . Frame	5,000
Lawrence Park, Pa. . . .	Christ's	J. W. Ramsey	22	77	Frame	7,500
Leetsdale, Pa.	St. Matthew's	L. W. Rupp	80	91	Frame	
Moundsville, W. Va. . . .	Evangelical	R.E.McDaniel,D.D.	51	44	Frame	4,500
North East, Pa.	St. Peter's	M. A. Meier	71	52	Brick	10,000
Osage-	Zion's	J. C. F. Rupp	103	91	Frame	10,000
Wellsville, O.	Good Hope	J. C. F. Rupp		29		
	St. Paul's	J. C. F. Rupp				
Parkersburg, W. Va. . . .	St. John's	H. S. Gilbert	175	90	Frame . . . Frame	30,000
Pittsburgh, Pa.	Epiphany	I. M. Wallace, Ph.D.	103	113	Frame	4,000
Pittsburgh, N. S., Pa. . .	Grace	R. G. Rosenbaum . . .	86	216	Frame	8,500
Pitcairn-	St. Paul's	H. F. Obenauf	105	49		
Trafford, Pa.	St. Mark's	H. F. Obenauf		42		850
Reynoldsville, Pa.	Trinity	G. J. Diener	158	87	Frame . . . Frame	8,300
	St. Paul's	G. J. Diener		58		
	Grace	G. J. Diener				
Sewickley, Pa.	St. Paul's	R. R. Durst	54	35		5,500
Springdale-	St. Mark's	C. A. Dennig	199	67	Brick	32,500
Tarentum, Pa.	Grace	C. A. Dennig		127	Frame	
Struthers, O.	St. James		35	44	Frame	3,500
Westmoreland, W. Va. . .	St. Paul's		95			
	Hope					
Fayette, Pa.	Memorial					
Wheeling-	Zion's		70	132		9,500
Mozart Park, W. Va. . . .	Christ's				Frame	
Woodlawn, Pa.	House of Prayer	C. E. Schweikert	52		Brick	15,000
Total	45 Missions	27 Missionaries	3,401	3,175		\$301,950

NOTE.—These statistics have been compiled from the Pittsburgh Synod Minutes, and supplemented by data from 1913 G. C. Minutes,

RECAPITULATION OF GENERAL COUNCIL HOME MISSIONS

Missions Supported by	Number of Missions	No. of Missionaries	Communi- cant Members	Sunday School Members	Value of Church Property
General Council English Board	114	87	8,645	14,007	\$1,030,750
General Council German Board	58	17	2,952	797	73,175
Augustana Synod (Swedish and English)	470	184	24,114	12,509	1,873,076
General Council Porto Rico Board	21	9	532	709	32,485
General Council Slovak Board	95	15	3,500		85,500
Canada Synod (German)	19	6	1,183	261	47,000
New York Ministerium (German)	22	18	1,769	1,210	100,775
Pennsylvania Ministerium (German & Italian) . .	11	9	1,275	1,121	83,050
Pittsburgh Synod (German & English)	45	27	3,401	3,175	301,950
Total	855	372	47,371	33,788	\$3,627,961

N. B.—The mission statistics cannot be further classified.

PRINCIPLES OF FAITH AND CHURCH POLITY

OF FAITH

I. There must be and abide through all time, one holy Christian Church, which is the assembly of all believers, among whom the Gospel is purely preached, and the Holy Sacraments are administered, as the Gospel demands.

To the true Unity of the Church, it is sufficient that there be agreement touching the doctrine of the Gospel, that it be preached in one accord, in its pure sense, and that the Sacraments be administered conformably to God's Word.

II. The true Unity of a particular Church, in virtue of which men are truly members of one and the same Church, and by which any Church abides in real identity, and is entitled to a continuation of her name, is unity in doctrine and faith, and in the Sacraments, to wit: That she continues to teach and to set forth, and that her true members embrace from the heart, and use, the articles of faith and the Sacraments as they were held and administered when the Church came into distinctive being and received a distinctive name.

III. The Unity of the Church is witnessed to, and made manifest in, the solemn public and official Confessions which are set forth, to wit: The generic Unity of the Christian Church in the general Creeds, and the specific Unity of pure parts of the Christian Church in their specific Creeds; one chief object of both classes of which Creeds is, that Christians who are in the Unity of faith, may know each other as such, and may have a visible bond of fellowship.

IV. That Confessions may be such a test of Unity and bond of Union, they must be accepted in every statement of doctrine in their own true, native, original and only sense. Those who set them forth and subscribe them must not only agree to use the same words, but must use and understand those words in one and the same sense.

V. The Unity of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, as a portion of the holy Christian Church, depends upon her abiding in one and the same faith, in confessing which she obtained her distinctive being and name, her political recognition, and her history.

VI. The Unaltered Augsburg Confession is by pre-eminence the Confession of that faith. The acceptance of its doctrines and the avowal of them without equivocation or mental reservation, make, mark and identify that Church, which alone in the true, original, historical and honest sense of the term is the Evangelical Lutheran Church.

VII. The only Churches, therefore, of any land, which are properly in the Unity of that Communion, and by consequence entitled to its name, Evangelical Lutheran, are those which sincerely hold and truthfully confess the doctrines of the Unaltered Augsburg Confession.

VIII. We accept and acknowledge the doctrines of the Unaltered Augsburg Confession in its original sense as throughout in conformity with the pure truth of which God's Word is the only rule. We accept its statements of truth as in perfect accordance with the Canonical Scriptures: We reject the errors it condemns, and believe that all which it commits to the liberty of the Church, of right belongs to that liberty.

IX. In thus formally accepting and acknowledging the Unaltered Augsburg Confession, we declare our conviction, that the other Confessions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, inasmuch as they set forth none other than its system of doctrine, and articles of faith, are of necessity pure and scriptural. Pre-eminent among such accordant pure and scriptural statements of doctrine, by their intrinsic excellence, by the great and necessary ends for which they were prepared, by their historical position, and by the general judgment of the Church, are these: the Apology of the Augsburg Confession, the Smalcald Articles, the Catechisms of Luther, and the Formula of Concord, all of which are, with the Unaltered Augsburg Confession, in the perfect harmony of one and the same scriptural faith.

OF ECCLESIASTICAL POWER AND CHURCH GOVERNMENT

I. All power in the Church belongs primarily, properly and exclusively to our Lord Jesus Christ, "true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and true man, born of the Virgin Mary," Mediator between God and men, and Supreme Head of the Church. This supreme and direct power is not delegated to any man or body of men upon earth.

II. All just power exercised by the Church has been committed to her for the furtherance of the Gospel, through the Word and Sacraments, is conditioned by this end, and is derivative and pertains to her as the servant of Jesus Christ.

The Church, therefore, has no power to bind the conscience, except as she truly teaches what her Lord teaches, and faithfully commands what He has charged her to command.

III. The absolute directory of the Will of Christ is the Word of God, the Canonical Scriptures, interpreted in accordance with the "mind of the Spirit," by which Scriptures the Church is to be guided in every decision. She may set forth no article of faith which is not taught by the very letter of God's Word, or derived by just and necessary inference from it, and her liberty concerns those things only which are left free by the letter and spirit of God's Word.

IV. The primary bodies through which the power is normally exercised, which Christ commits derivatively and ministerially to His Church on earth, are the Congregations. The Congregation, in the normal state, is neither the Pastor without the People, nor the People without the Pastor.

V. In Congregations exists the right of representation. In addition to the Pastor, who by their voluntary election is already *ex-officio* their representative, the people have the right to choose representatives from

their own number to act for them, under such constitutional limitations as the Congregation approves.

VI. The representatives of Congregations thus convened in Synod, and acting in accordance with those conditions of mutual congregational compact, which are called a Constitution, are for the ends, and with the limitations defined in it, representatively, the Congregations themselves.

A free, Scriptural General Council or Synod, chosen by the Church, is, within the metes and bounds fixed by the Church which chooses it, representatively that Church itself; and in this case is applicable the language of the Appendix to the Smalcald Articles, "The judgments of Synods are the judgments of the Church."

VII. The Congregations representatively constituting the various district Synods, may elect delegates through those Synods to represent themselves in a more general body, all decisions of which, when made in conformity with the solemn compact of the Constitution, bind, so far as the terms of mutual agreement make them binding, those Congregations which consent, and continue to consent, to be represented in that General Body.

VIII. If the final decision of any General Body thus constituted shall seem to any Synod within it, in conflict with the faith, involving violation of the rights of conscience, it is the duty of the Synod to take such steps as shall be needed to prevent a compromise on its part with error. To this end, it may withdraw itself from relations which make it responsible for departure from the faith of the Gospel, or for an equivocal attitude towards it. Such steps should not be taken on any but well-defined grounds of Conscience, not on mere suspicion, nor until prayerful, earnest and repeated efforts to correct the wrong have proved useless, and no remedy remains but withdrawal.

IX. The obligation, under which Congregations consent to place themselves, to conform to the decisions of Synods, does not rest on any assumption that Synods are infallible, but on the supposition that the decisions have been so guarded by wise constitutional provisions as to create a higher moral probability of their being true and rightful than the decisions in conflict with them, which may be made by single Congregations or individuals. All final decisions should be guarded with the utmost care, so that they shall in no case claim without just grounds to be the judgment of those Congregations in whose name and by whose authority they are made—in the absence of which just grounds they are null and void.

X. In the formation of a General Body, the Synods may know and deal with each other only as Synods. In such case, the official record is to be accepted as evidence of the doctrinal position of each Synod, and of the principles for which alone the other Synods become responsible by connection with it.

XI. The leading objects for which Synods should be organized are:

1. The maintenance and diffusion of sound doctrine, as the same is

taught in God's Word and confessed in the authorized standards of the Church.

2. When controversies arise in regard to articles of faith, to decide them in accordance with God's Word and the pure confessions of that Word.

3. The proper regulation of the human externals of worship, that the same, in character and administration, may be in keeping with the spirit of the New Testament and with the liberty of the Church, and may edify the Body of Christ.

4. The maintenance of pure discipline, to the fostering of holiness and fidelity in the ministry and people.

5. The devising and executing of wise and Scriptural counsels and plans for carrying on the work of the Church, in every department of beneficent labor for the souls and bodies of men, at home and abroad.

All these things are to be done, that the saving power of the Gospel may be realized, that good order may be maintained and that all unsoundness in faith and life may be averted, that God may be glorified, and that Christ our King may rule in a pure, peaceful and active Church.

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Thirty-Sixth Convention

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OF THE

Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America

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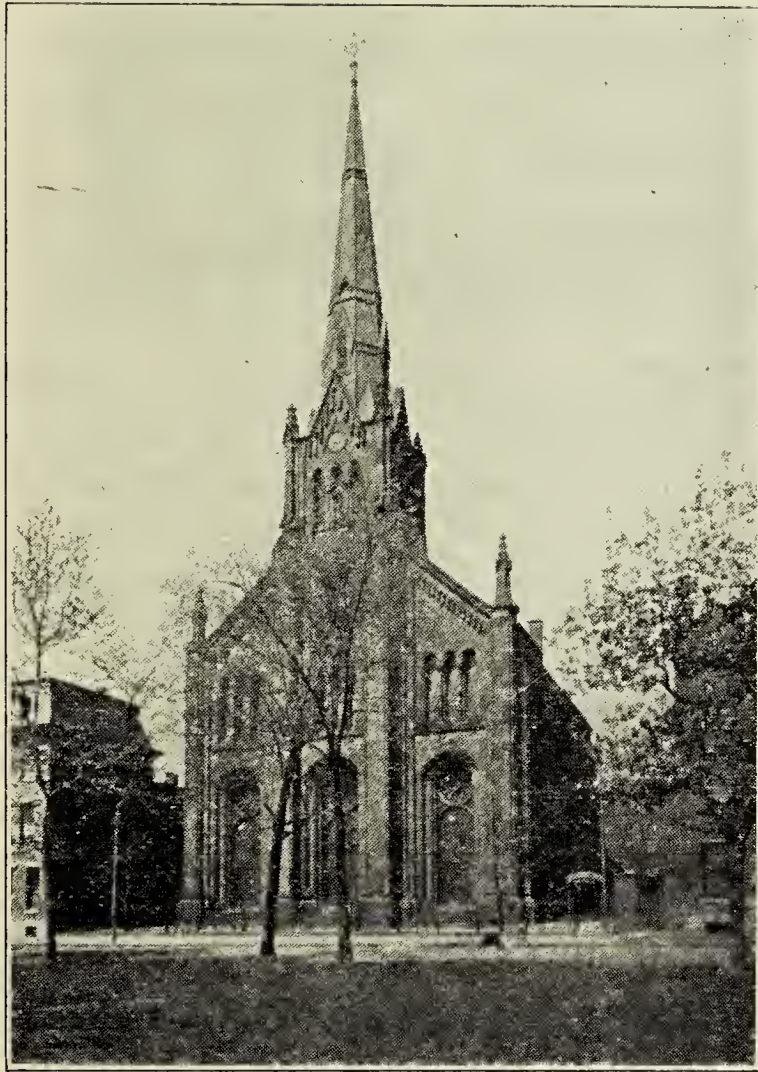
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On the west side of Franklin Square, Philadelphia, not far from the original Zion Church and the earlier St. Michael's, in both of which the Patriarch Muhlenberg preached, stands the noble brownstone edifice erected during Dr. W. J. Mann's pastorate, in 1870. Zion Congregation, served at present by the Rev. Fritz O. Evers, is the mother Church of Philadelphia Lutheranism, vigorous though nearly two centuries old.

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The oldest continuously English Lutheran congregation in the world, organized in 1806, worships in this dignified and massive edifice, erected in 1809. Three pastors span the period—Drs. Mayer, Seiss, and Sibole. St. John's is located half a block from Franklin Square, on Race Street between Fifth and Sixth Streets, three blocks from Independence Hall.

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MINUTES OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL

Thirty-Sixth Convention

OPENING SERVICE

The Thirty-sixth Convention of "The General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America" was held in the city of Philadelphia, Pa., commencing on Wednesday morning, October 24, 1917, in Zion German Lutheran Church, Franklin Square, the Rev. Fritz O. Evers, pastor.

Preliminary to the religious services a Civic Welcome on behalf of the City of Philadelphia was extended in the lecture room by Provost Edgar Smith, of the University of Pennsylvania, and responded to by the Rev. Dr. F. A. Kaehler, of Buffalo, N. Y.

The Confessional Service, at 10:30 A. M., was likewise held in the lecture room, after which the Delegates proceeded in due order to the church proper, where The Service as found in the "Common Service Book with Hymnal," beginning at the Introit, was used, including "The Communion." These Services were conducted by the Officers of the General Council, the various Synodical Presidents, and Provost Helweg Larsen.

The President, the Rev. Theodore E. Schmauk, D.D., LL.D., Lebanon, Pa., preached the Sermon, based on Isaiah xxxiii and xxxv. His Theme was

"Our Crisis and Our Conqueror"

1. A Long Distance Picture of the Times.
2. A Picture of Our Church in the Times.
3. A Picture of Spiritual Preparedness.

4. A Picture of the Conqueror for this Crisis.
5. A Picture of the Permanency of His Realm, the Church.
6. A Picture of the Transformation and Glorification of the Returning and Victorious Children of His Kingdom.

The Lord's Supper was then administered to the delegates and visiting brethren.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

WITHERSPOON HALL,

WALNUT STREET, BETWEEN THIRTEENTH
AND BROAD STREETS, PHILADELPHIA, PA.

Wednesday, November 24, 1917, 2:40 P. M.

The General Council was formally opened for the transaction of Business, according to the Order for the Opening of Synods, by the President, who used throughout the Convention the gavel first used by President Bassler at the First Convention, Fort Wayne, 1867.

The President announced the reception of the credentials of Delegates, and the Roll was called by Synods. As completed at the close of the Convention, it was as follows, showing an attendance of 126 clerical and 91 lay delegates, total 217 Delegates:

ROLL OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL

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Organized August 15 (New Style, 26), A.D. 1748.

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WILLIAM S. MOHR.

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" I. CHANTRY HOFFMAN.	LUTHER R. SCHEARER.
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II. The Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of the State of New York and Adjacent States and Countries

Organized Oct. 23, A.D. 1786.

<i>Clerical.</i>	<i>Lay.</i>
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III. Pittsburgh Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church

Organized Jan. 15, A.D. 1845.

Clerical.

Lay.

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J. WARREN HUNTER.

" DUNCAN M. KEMMERER.

" ERNST A. TAPPERT.

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IV. Evangelical Lutheran District Synod of Ohio

Organized July 21, A.D. 1861.

Clerical.

Lay.

REV. EDWARD F. RITTER, *ex-officio*.

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ALBERT T. BAKER.

" ADAM J. HOLL.

MILTON M. BAUER, M.D.

" W. GEORGE DRESSLER, D.D.

HENRY G. FISHER.

" JOHN M. WENRICH.

LEON E. GRIMES.

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V. Evangelical Lutheran Augustana Synod

Organized June 5, A.D. 1860.

Clerical.

Lay.

REV. LAURENTIUS G. ABRAHAMSON,
D.D.

JOSHUA HASSELQUIST.

L. M. NELSON.

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P. A. PURDY, PH.D.

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C. L. ECKMAN.

" A. M. BENANDER.

" HENNING JACOBSON.

" ALFRED APPELL.

" C. E. HOFFSTEN.

" P. ARTHUR JOHNSON.

" DAVID A. LOFGREN.

" TITUS A. CONRAD.

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VI. Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Canada

Organized July 21, A.D. 1861.

*Clerical.**Lay.*

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| “ GUENTHER BRACKENBUSH. | OTTO HOMUTH. |
| “ CONRAD ZARNKE. | J. WEIDENHAMMER, M.D. |
| “ MAX VOELKER. | |

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VII. Chicago Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church

Organized A.D. 1871; re-organized Sept. 24, A.D. 1896.

*Clerical.**Lay.*

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| “ WILLIAM J. SEIBERLING. | FREDERICK SACHSE. |
| “ M. EDMUND HABERLAND. | MARTIN L. DECK. |

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VIII. English Evangelical Lutheran Synod of the Northwest
Organized Sept. 23, A.D. 1891.

Clerical.

Lay.

REV. G. KELLER RUBRECHT, *ex-officio*.

JACOB K. JENSEN.

GEORGE HEMSING.

" WILLIAM K. FRICK, D.D.

HON. LEWIS A. ANDERSON.

" GEORGE H. TRABERT, D.D.

HON. JOHN T. JANSSEN.

" W. PASSAVANT CHRISTY.

WALTER J. WITT.

" HOWARD E. SNYDER.

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IX. German Evangelical Lutheran Manitoba Synod
Organized Sept. 23, A.D. 1891.

Clerical.

Lay.

REV. HEINRICH BECKER, *ex-officio*.

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X. Pacific Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church
Organized Sept. 24, A.D. 1892.

Clerical.

Lay.

REV. FRANKLIN W. BUSSARD *ex-officio*.

W. S. T. DERR, ESQ.

" EMIL MEYER.

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XI The Evangelical Lutheran Synod of New York and New England
Organized Sept. 24, A.D. 1902.

Clerical.

Lay.

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Organized July 10, 1903.

Clerical.

Lay.

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XIII. Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Central Canada
Organized May 26, A.D. 1909.

Clerical.

Lay.

REV. J. MAURER, *ex-officio*.

J. C. CASSELMAN.

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XIV. Old German Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Texas
Organized A.D. 1906.

Clerical.

Lay.

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Clerical, 126; Lay, 91; Total, 217.

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ALLEN L. BENNER.	CHAS. H. HEMSATH.
ALBERT L. BENZE.	AMBROSE HERRING.
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J. F. BORNHOLD.	BENJ. F. HOEFER.
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M. LUTHER BROWNMILLER.	E. R. JAXHEIMER.
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ROY GEO. CATLIN.	A. F. KELLER.
PROF. ALBERT CLAY, PH.D., LL.D	CHARLES A. KERSCHNER.
J. E. COOPER.	A. C. KILDEGAARD
ZENAN N. CORBE.	W. H. KNAUFF.
GEORGE W. CRITCHLOW.	W. M. KOPENHAVER.
FRANK CROMAN.	JOHN F. KRAMLICH.
E. H. DAUGHERTY.	FRANK S. KUNTZ.
SILAS D. DAUGHERTY, D.D.	W. G. LAUER.
LUTHER B. DECK.	W. S. LANGHANS.
ROY V. DERR.	HENRY K. LANTZ.
L. G. DEILY.	JOHN LEGUM.
FREDERIC DOERR.	LEWIS LINDENSTRUTH, D.D.
GEORGE DRACH.	F. C. LONGAKER, PH.D.
WM. C. DRACH.	GEORGE C. LOOS.
RALPH M. DUERR.	C. J. LUCAS.
WM. ECKERT.	PAUL LUDWIG.
JESSE S. ERB.	E. F. MARKER.
HENRY C. J. ERBES.	A. B. MARKLEY, PH.D.
CLARENCE A. EYLER.	F. C. MARTIN.
CHAS. K. FEGLEY.	JOHN IRWIN MECK.
E. E. FISCHER.	JOHN J. MYERS.
J. L. FISCHER.	WARREN NICKEL.
CHAS. B. FOELSCH.	FRANK C. OBERLY.
F. FRANK.	H. S. PAULES.
IRA F. FRANKENFIELD.	OTTO A. W. PLAGEMANN.
DAVID H. FREDERICK.	CHAS. A. RAHN.
FREDERICK W. FRIDAY.	ADAM L. RAMER, PH.D.
JOHN F. GILLISON.	GOMER C. REES.
J. O. GLENN.	FREDERICK A. REITER.
HOWARD R. GOLD.	JOSIAH S. RENNINGER.
ERNST O. GRAHAM.	BERNARD REPASS,
E. MUHLENBERG GRAHN.	WM. P. REUMANN.

WILLIAM A. SADTLER, PH.D.
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 JOHN A. SCHEFFER.
 NATHANIEL SCHEFFER.
 PAUL E. SCHERER.
 GEO. F. SCHETTLER.
 H. C. SCHMIEDER.
 GEO. H. SCHNUR.
 JOHN W. SMITH.
 F. E. STOUGH.
 C. REINHOLD TAPPERT.
 E. H. TRAFFORD.
 L. D. ULRICH.

O. UNGEMACH.
 FRANK M. URICH.
 HENRY A. D. WACKER.
 E. J. WACKERNAGEL.
 MARTIN L. WAGNER.
 SAMUEL M. WENRICH.
 HENRY M. WERTZ.
 ELMORE L. WESSINGER.
 HERMAN D. WHITTEKER.
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The President announced the Committee on Resolutions of Loyalty, Hon. Frank M. Riter, chairman. And it was

Resolved, That the Committee be authorized to present resolutions after the reading of the President's Report.

The President presented his official Report as follows:

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL

FATHERS AND BRETHREN:—The General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America today opens what may prove to be its most notable Convention. The occasion is unprecedented, and many committees have labored night and day to render the event a success. We meet in the cradle of American liberties. Independence Hall is but eight blocks away. The Liberty Bell was this morning taken from its resting spot, and an hour and a half ago passed within a block of this place of our assembly.

THE COUNTRY AT WAR

Our country, including Canada, is at war. The magnitude of that which confronts us as a Church within a nation is not yet realized by our people. It has become, and will be more and more, the duty of the Church to carry out and live up to the principles of Lutheranism in relation to civil affairs, and to support and obey the state. It will further be necessary for our congregations to mobilize with our soldiers, to go after them with the Gospel, to uphold them in a spiritual environment, and to extend the hand of mercy to their bodies and souls.

I have appointed the following Committee on Army and Navy Work, to act in conjunction with all other co-operating Lutheran bodies, and to enter into communication with the Government at Washington as representing the Lutheran Church in the United States: Rev. Prof. C. M.

Jacobs, D.D., Rev. H. A. Weller, D.D., Rev. Fritz Jacobson, Ph.D. This committee met in New York October 19th, has organized and called field secretaries, and will report later in the week.

It was on October 21, two years ago, that I first received word from H. K. Carroll, Associate Secretary of the Federal Commission of Churches, that the Secretary of the Navy was desirous of appointing two or three Lutheran ministers as Chaplains.

On November 1, 1915, I appointed the original General Council Committee on Army and Navy Chaplains, Rev. Howard E. Snyder, Chairman, which committee came into close touch with officials at Washington, particularly with the Secretary of the Navy.

The President of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania and his Synodical Committee, as well as a section of the General Council Inner Mission Committee acting in conjunction with the Inner Mission Board of the General Synod, the Secretary of our Quadri-Centennial Committee, and Chaplain Keever have been active in this work.

As the Department at Washington desires to deal with the Lutheran Church as a whole, we have made the effort to consolidate our various committees on Army and Navy work, and have reached out to act in conjunction with all other Lutheran co-operating bodies with considerable success, and thus fulfil on a more adequate scale the opportunity which the American Government has held open to the Lutheran Church in the United States.

The grave situation created in our congregations by the temporary withdrawal of a large part of our rising generation from the home center must not be overlooked. The situation is creating unparalleled opportunities for the building up of the Kingdom of God among our youth in the field, as it already has presented similar opportunity for the rapid development of the kingdom of darkness. We must rise to our duty. We must and we will meet this emergency. It rests with this Convention to face its real work constructively. Let us not herald abroad our deficiencies, but let us rise to remedy them. Pessimism fails of girding itself, in a crisis, and has never won a victory.

The Lutheranism of our General Council, and of the whole Church, has done its whole duty in the past wars of our country. It will do its duty today. Assembling as we do in hours set apart by the President of our country for the united endeavor of all citizens to increase our national resources, I recommend that, as a pledge of our earnestness and loyalty, we subscribe to the Liberty Loan out of the current funds of our Treasury.

I have appointed the following Committee on Resolutions of Loyalty:

Hon. Frank M. Riter, LL.D., Chairman; Rev. Lawrence A. Johnston, D.D., Rev. Julius Lincoln, D.D., Rev. G. Franklin Gehr, D.D., Rev. Prof. J. Fry, D.D., L.H.D., Rev. J. E. Whitteker, D.D., Hon. W. H. Staake, Chaplain Edwin F. Keever, D.D., U.S.A., Rev. Merrell E. Boulton, Rev.

A. B. MacIntosh, Mr. James Gear, Hon. J. B. Oakleaf, Lieut. H. M. Muhlenberg Richards, Litt.D., Dr. Richard Moldenke, Rev. Howard R. Gold.

I recommend that this Committee be privileged to report during this afternoon's session.

THE FOURTH CENTURY OF THE REFORMATION

The Lutheran Church is this year celebrating the Fourth Centenary of the Reformation. A Joint Quadri-Centennial Committee, of which your President is the Chairman, the Rev. Howard R. Gold, the Executive Secretary, the Rev. Dr. Melhorn, Chairman of the Committee on Literature, and Mr. E. Clarence Miller, Chairman of the Finance Committee, has been making extraordinary, indefatigable, and universal efforts to draw the attention of the Church and of Christendom at large to this occasion. Much of the responsibility for initiative, and for execution, in this task, has rested upon the shoulders of Mr. Gold, and credit is due him for the results. Mr. Miller has assumed practically the burden of financial management.

The date of our present Convention has been so arranged that it should correspond with the climax of the celebration; and the combined efforts of the Philadelphia, Ministerium and General Council Committees have served to render this Quadri-Centennial a worthy effort of the General Council and of the whole Lutheran Church in America.

The Lutherans of this generation are blessed by Providence in having their lives so ordered that they may participate in this great centenary jubilee. These centennials and semi-centennials, the last of which was coincident with the birth of the General Council, always have led to a re-affirmation of the fundamental truths of the Church, and I am moved to appoint the following committee to present us a brief summary of the Blessings and Principles of the Reformation as applicable to this Quadri-Centennial.

Rev. H. E. Jacobs, D.D., LL.D., Rev. J. A. W. Haas, D.D., LL.D., Rev. L. G. Abrahamson, D.D., Rev. C. J. Petri, D.D., Rev. Prof. C. J. Sodergren, Rev. Charles J. Smith, D.D.

THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

In 1897 the General Council was petitioned by the Rev. R. Andersen to conduct English work in the Danish West Indies and among the colored Lutherans there, as the Danish pastors were unable adequately to care for the spiritual wants of the English-speaking Lutherans on the Islands. During the confusion of the Spanish War the matter was dropped. In 1899 our Foreign Board resolved to begin work in Porto Rico. At the last meeting of the General Council at Rock Island, further investigation of the South American field was committed to the Porto Rico Board.

The Virgin Islands are among the oldest Lutheran settlements in America. It was at St. Thomas that Dr. Krauth ministered in 1852 and 1853. He says, "I find these true Lutherans of our Danish Church exhibiting the

same spirit as our own people." Dr. Krauth was impressed with the high refinement and warm-hearted kindness of the people.

On August 16, 1916, I received a letter from the Rev. William M. Horn, then President of the New York and New England Synod, inquiring whether there is any means by which we as a Lutheran Church would be prepared to hold those Islands for our Church after they had passed over to the control of the United States, and whether there was any fund at my disposal by which to send a man to the Islands to make further investigation and report. I took up the matter with the Secretary of the Board of Missions for Porto Rico and Latin America, and learned that the pastors and congregations in the Islands had made application through our Porto Rican missionaries to be taken under the care of that Board, and also that the people in the Islands had been approached by the Foreign Mission Board of the General Synod. Our Porto Rico Board resolved, "That the proper authorities in the General Council take immediate steps to secure these missions for our field in that territory, and that provision be made for their support in case they should be placed under our care." I learned also that the Episcopal and Moravian churches had made some overtures to these congregations.

On February 19th I authorized the Rev. Mr. Horn to send the Rev. A. C. Kildegaard, a Danish pastor of Brooklyn, to the Islands to investigate the situation; and drew on our treasury to the amount of \$220 for his expenses. On the same date I addressed a letter to be handed by Rev. Kildegaard to the Rev. Helweg-Larsen, Dean in St. Croix, and the Lutheran pastors and congregations in the West Indies; and also gave Pastor Kildegaard a letter to the civil authorities in St. Thomas. Meantime I had appointed a Committee on the Danish Islands, with the Rev. Mr. Horn, of New York, as Chairman.

About the same time, February 15-27, our Rev. Mr. Ostrom, of Porto Rico, made a visit to the Danish West Indies, and created a very favorable impression there on behalf of the General Council. He sent in a detailed and most valuable report to the Porto Rico Board, a copy of which I received on March 16th. I explained to the Porto Rico Board our sending of Rev. Kildegaard; and we acted in consultation with that Board.

Rev. Kildegaard returned on March 22nd, bringing a full account of his journey, and a detailed statement from Provost Helweg-Larsen as to the situation on the Islands, together with a formal application to be received into the General Council. I replied to the Provost of the Virgin Islands, and turned his statement over to the Committee on the Virgin Islands, with the final result that the Provost and delegates from the Virgin Islands are on this floor today, and are requesting admission for the Lutheran churches on the Islands into the General Council. The Committee has done excellent service, and great credit is due the Rev. Mr. Horn for his work under difficulties. The Committee will present a full report.

GENERAL COUNCIL PENSION FUND

Efforts have been made at various times to establish a General Council Ministerial Pension Fund. Among other plans, it was desired to make this a Quadri-Centennial project. The Augustana Synod possesses a Pension Fund in very successful operation. The Synod of the Northwest has such a fund with assets of \$15,389, and the District Synod of Ohio is gathering one. The Ministerium of Pennsylvania has just established a similar fund. On February 9, 1917, I received information that Mary L. Baer, deceased, of Lancaster, a member of Trinity Lutheran Church of that city, had left a bequest of \$5,000 to the General Council "To be used and held for its 'Ministerial Pension Fund' for aged clergymen." Shortly thereafter I received a check for \$4,750, the amount of the bequest less the tax, from the executors, and turned the same over to the Trustees of the General Council and their Treasurer to place at interest until such time as the total accumulated sum might become available through the inauguration of a General Council Pension Fund. The Committee on this Fund will present its report at the proper time.

KROPP THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

On August 29, 1916, word came to us that Pastor Paulsen of Kropp, great missionary preacher, founder of various institutions, including the Theological Seminary at Kropp, had passed to his reward. A Memorial Service was held in his honor later in the year in the St. Jacobus Church, Rev. A. Hellwege, Treasurer of the Kropp Commission, pastor, and very largely attended. The General Council gratefully acknowledges all that the Kropp Seminary has done for our missions and congregations here in America during its existence from 1882 to 1916, and takes special cognizance of the irresistible and heroic missionary zeal of the sainted Pastor Paulsen. Our contract with the institution expires this fall. The contract has not been maintained since the beginning of the war, nor have we any information on the situation. The committee asks for no appropriation for the coming biennium, and the General Council will make none.

PROTESTS AND APPEALS

On October 26, 1916, I received from the President of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania a protest from Holy Trinity Church, Bethlehem, and St. Peter's Church, Rittersville, through Dr. H. A. Weller, President of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania, against the establishment of a General Synod Church in that vicinity. I transmitted the same to the President of the General Synod, Rev. J. A. Singmaster, D.D., with the request that he send it to the ecclesiastical unit in his body which has authority to act in the premises, and that he and I should see to it that the body in his Church with authority to act, and the one in mine, should meet together with an earnest attempt at conciliation and settlement. Only if all efforts fail, should the matter go before the Arbitration Commission.

On September 5, 1917, Mr. Max H. C. Brombacher, a member for more than a generation of St. Luke's Evangelical Lutheran Congregation, Borough of Brooklyn, City of New York, filed with your President an appeal from certain actions and failures to act upon the part of Das New Yorker Ministerium, which acts and failures to act, according to the allegations of Mr. Brombacher, work out to the detriment of the spiritual and material interests of St. Luke's Evangelical Lutheran Congregation of Brooklyn. I refer the appeal to the committee in charge of this part of the President's Report, with instructions to make most careful examination of it in connection with the Constitution of the General Council and the Constitution of the New York Ministerium, and, if necessary, the Constitution of St. Luke's Congregation, Brooklyn, to determine what if any should be the proper method of procedure and to report back to the Council at this session describing and recommending such procedure.

On October 4, 1917, I received from the Rev. L. A. Johnston, D.D., President of the Augustana Synod, a protest against the action of the General Council Home Mission Board in establishing a mission in Butte, Montana. I have transmitted this protest to the Chairman of the General Council Committee on Arbitration for proper examination and adjudication.

REQUESTS

The Board of German Home Missions of the General Council has submitted a proposed Charter of incorporation under the laws of the State of New York, and requests permission of the Council to be incorporated under the laws of the State of New York, which incorporation I heartily approve. I have placed the charter in the hands of the committee appointed to examine such interests, and it will no doubt be reported favorably by this committee for the action of the General Council.

The Women's Missionary Society of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania, which for many years has shown its interest in all branches of mission work carried on by our General Council Church, and desiring more information and closer touch with the work, after placing their resolutions before the Women's Missionary Society of the General Council, makes the following requests of the General Council:

"First. For a representation (with vote) of at least three women on each Mission Board, nominated by the Executive Committee of the Women's Missionary Society.

"Second. That a semi-annual conference of men and women be held to discuss plans and methods of Mission Work, as outlined by our governing bodies.

"Third. That the women be given representation on the Budget Committee, so that there may be intelligent co-operation in the work of the Church."

INVITATIONS

The Rev. Dr. Junius B. Remensnyder, last May, received from Secretary of State Lansing, transmitted through the American minister at Stockholm, a communication from the Right Rev. Nathan Söderblom, Archbishop of Sweden, addressed to the General Synod of the Lutheran Church in the United States, containing an expression of the Bishop's gratitude for the blessings of the Reformation and his astonishment at the extent and importance of Lutheranism in the United States, and suggesting that "as a manifestation of the universality of our confession, the General Evangelical Lutheran Conference should assemble in America in a year when there is peace in the world." Dr. Remensnyder begs that this message of the Archbishop for the General Synod, and presented to it, be received by us, as, doubtless, intended also for the General Council. I have referred it to the Committee on International Lutheran Conference.

On July 5, 1917, I received an invitation from the Merchants' Association of New York, which represents the industrial, commercial and professional interests of that city, to hold our next Convention, whether in 1917 or 1918, in New York, and assuring us of co-operation in every detail in making the Convention a success. The Association has, at my suggestion, sent similar formal invitations to the General Synod and to the United Synod South, to also meet in New York simultaneously with us in 1918.

From Mr. Robert H. Gardiner, Secretary of the World Conference on Faith and Order, I received an inquiry whether the action of the General Council in 1913 as to the appointment of "a Committee on the Unity of Faith which shall be authorized, without participating in the organization or arrangement of any conference, to present and set forth the Lutheran Faith, etc., said committee to be reappointed at successive conventions as the Council may direct," still holds over or not. If it does, it would, in the judgment of Mr. Gardiner, authorize the Committee on Unity of Faith to send to the North American Preparation Committee of the World Conference on Faith and Order, a statement of the Lutheran Faith. I have referred the communication to the Committee on Faith and Order.

APPOINTMENTS

The following appointments have been made during the past two years:

November, 1915

Committee to Prepare for Fiftieth Anniversary Meeting of the General Council

Rev. I. Chantry Hoffman, Chairman; Rev. E. P. H. Pfatteicher, Ph.D., Rev. C. A. Miller, D.D., Rev. C. M. Gable, Rev. A. C. Schenck, Mr. E. Clarence Miller, Hon. F. M. Riter, Mr. James M. Snyder.

November 1, 1915

Commission on United States Army and Navy Chaplains

Rev. Howard E. Snyder, Rev. Edwin F. Keever, D.D., Rev. C. E. Braune.

November 11, 1916

Committee on German Quadri-Centennial Publications

Rev. Hugo W. Hoffmann, Ph.D., Rev. G. C. Berkemeier, D.D., Rev. G. C. F. Haas, D.D., Rev. E. C. J. Kracling, Rev. C. R. Tappert, Rev. O. Kleine, Rev. H. Offermann, D.D., Rev. P. J. Hoh. Rev. W. Jentsch, Ph.D., Rev. G. J. Hoepfner, Rev. F. O. Evers, Rev. E. A. Tappert, Rev. A. L. Benze, Rev. Hugo Hamfeldt, Rev. H. L. Henkel, Rev. J. Goos, Rev. W. Wolfsdorf.

December 11, 1916

Jewish Mission Committee

Rev. T. W. Kretschmann, Ph.D., to fill vacancy of Rev. C. B. Schuchard.

February 10, 1917

Quadri-Centennial Fund Committee

Rev. G. W. Sandt, D.D., Rev. J. E. Whitteker, D.D., Rev. J. C. Kunzmann, D.D., Rev. C. L. Fry, Rev. A. L. Ramer, Ph.D., Rev. W. M. Rehrig, Ph.D., Rev. J. F. Ohl, Mus.D., Rev. B. F. Hankey, Rev. George Drach, Mr. James M. Snyder, Mr. Wm. H. Hager.

February 10, 1917

Executive Sub-Committee on Time of General Council Convention

Rev. G. F. Gehr, D.D., Rev. H. A. Weller, D.D., Rev. T. E. Schmauk, D.D., LL.D.

March 15, 1917

General Council Ministerial Pension Fund Committee

Rev. M. L. Zweizig. (Additional member.)

Spring of 1917

Portion of General Council Inner Mission Committee, to constitute a Joint Committee with Inner Mission Board of General Synod, on Inner Mission War Work.

May 5, 1917

Slav and Hungarian Mission Board

Mr. R. J. Sautter, of Buffalo, to succeed Mr. C. H. C. Jagels, of Summit, New Jersey.

July 14, 1917

General Council Committee on Food Conservation

Rev. H. A. Weller, D.D., Rev. J. A. W. Haas, D.D., Rev. William M. Horn, Rev. G. F. Gehr, D.D., Rev. L. A. Johnston, D.D.

July 21, 1917

Joint Committee on Army and Navy Chaplains

Rev. C. M. Jacobs, D.D., Chairman, in place of Rev. E. F. Keever, D.D., resigned.

August 27, 1917

Committee on Necrology

Rev. A. Steimle, D.D., Chairman, in place of Dr. E. F. Keever, resigned.

August 31, 1917

Committee on Transportation

Rev. A. C. Anda, Rev. W. L. Hunton, Ph.D., Mr. C. T. A. Anderson, Mr. F. Heinrich, Mr. C. W. Fuhr.

COMMITTEES NEWLY APPOINTED

Committee to Revise the Model Constitution for Congregations

Rev. H. A. Weller, D.D., Rev. C. M. Jacobs, D.D., Rev. T. E. Schmaük, Rev. G. Keller Rubrecht, E. Augustus Miller, Esq., Mr. S. Thorstenberg, Hon. G. F. Greiner.

Committee to Draw Up Resolutions of Loyalty to United States

Hon. F. M. Riter, LL.D., Rev. L. A. Johnston, D.D., Rev. Julius Lincoln, Rev. G. F. Gehr, D.D., Rev. Prof. J. Fry, D.D., L.H.D., Rev. J. E. Whitteker, D.D., Hon. W. H. Staake, Chaplain E. F. Keever, D.D., U.S.A., Rev. Merrell E. Boulton, Rev. A. B. MacIntosh, Mr. James Gear, Hon. J. B. Oakleaf, Lieut. H. M. M. Richards, Litt.D., Dr. Richard Moldenke, Rev. Howard R. Gold.

Business Committee

Rev. G. F. Gehr, D.D., Rev. F. Jacobson, Ph.D., Rev. F. F. Fry, D.D.

Permit me to call the attention of the General Council again to the fact that it is impossible to secure a firm list of delegates prior to the opening of the Convention, and that many of the Synods, instead of ascertaining in time which of their elected men will attend the Convention, simply sent on a list of delegates and alternates elected at the synodical session. This year we as usual made the request of every Synod for a list of actual delegates, even though it should be incomplete, and with the names of active laymen who would be suitable to serve on committees, marked with a star; but only in a few cases were there results. There is no one man in the General Council who possesses an adequate knowledge of the rising young laymen in each of the synods, and if synods, or the laymen in general find that they are not sufficiently represented on committees, or that the comparative number of laymen on various committees is small, they must ascribe this fact to their own failure to comply with the regulations, since committees cannot be equitably appointed without some advance knowledge and thought concerning their personnel. A General body differs totally from a Synod in this respect.

OUR FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY

In 1867 the Lutheran Church celebrated the Three Hundred and Fiftieth Jubilee of the Reformation, and the General Council was born. To-day, under circumstances of extraordinary import, we celebrate the Four Hundredth Jubilee of the Reformation and the first Jubilee of our own body. We are face to face with the question whether the General Council shall continue its existence, or whether it shall be merged with other General Bodies into the United Lutheran Church in America.

THE UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

This problem was not of our making. Unity is in the spirit of the age, and has been working all around us, throughout the length and breadth of the Church. The Synodical Conference has been discussing it. The Joint Synod of Ohio has projected an Alliance. On Saturday afternoon, the 9th of last June, the three Norwegian Lutheran Synods in America, advancing in three columns, marched in public procession into the St. Paul Auditorium, and filled the seats reserved for two thousand delegates, while ten thousand Lutherans crowded into the house, and the Norwegian Lutheran forces in our country merged into "The Norwegian Lutheran Church of America," forming a body of three hundred thousand communicants.

Ever since 1895, and earlier, when the General Council met at Easton, influences have been at work within us toward a closer drawing together with other Lutherans. For a full quarter of a century we have co-operated in various forms with the General Bodies who are now inviting us to unite with them. These bodies are standing on our own confessional basis, and the steady influence of the General Council during a half century toward a true and sound Lutheran Confession and Praxis, as thus now finally expressed in the common faith of all the bodies intending to unite, is perhaps the greatest achievement of the General Council as a body. We have had a common Board of Arbitration; and a common Liturgy and Hymnal is now at hand, and was used at the late Convention of the General Synod in Chicago, and at our own Convention this morning.

Last spring, a step further was taken. A strong spontaneous and well-organized movement for consolidation within these bodies has arisen. The President of the General Synod, in his report to that body, describes it as follows:

"At the meeting of the Joint Quadri-Centennial Committee, held in Philadelphia, April 18, 1917, the sentiment prevailed that the noblest memorial of the four hundredth anniversary would be the merging of the three general bodies represented. Accordingly the Presidents of these bodies, who were present, were requested to form a committee at once for the purpose of formulating a constitution, with an adequate doctrinal basis, and present the same to their respective bodies at their next meetings."

"The Joint Committee met on several occasions and formulated a con-

stitution, which is herewith presented and of which a copy is in the hands of each delegate.

"For myself and the entire committee I disavow any intention of forcing this constitution on the Church. Nor do we claim any further authority for what has been done than obedience to our own consciences and to what seems to be the demand of the Church. The constitution is submitted to the sober consideration of this body, whose attitude toward it will decide for the immediate future the fate of the merger."

The proposed union is in entire harmony with the original call and the avowed purpose of the General Council, which was founded for the express purpose of bringing together all Lutheran Synods in this country at one in the faith of the confessions; and though it has only measurably succeeded in doing this, it has never lost sight of the desired end.

In regard to the proposed constitution it should be said that the committee believes that there is nothing in its doctrinal basis or its provisions for carrying on the affairs of the Church which is out of harmony with the fundamental principles and policy of the General Council or with its constitution. The new confessional basis, as prepared in outline by the United Lutheran Church is, if anything, stronger confessionally than that found in our own Fundamental Principles. There are some things in the proposed constitution which may arouse inquiry or which may not seem necessary or important. But it must be remembered that not a single clause was penned hastily, or was spared the test of repeated discussion, and that union in principles generally involves concession in various details. The experience of our sister bodies may demand certain provisions which do not directly concern us.

After all, a union must start with some clearly outlined basis of belief and of work. This constitution is a mature, combined, and honest attempt on the part of the committees of the three general bodies to provide such a basis which will embody our doctrine, preserve our experiences, and meet the needs of the future. Should the experience of the future find it to be defective, the constitution itself provides a remedy.

Says the President of the General Synod:

"If a union is to be consummated within the next two years it is evident that none of the constituent Synods can revise the constitution presented. They cannot adopt it in part. They will have to give absolute assent to it as it now stands. This is not arbitrary, but inheres in the nature of the case. If there is anything radically amiss in the constitution it should be rejected as a whole, and the work of reconstruction begun anew."

In regard to the mode of procedure I trust I shall not be deemed presumptuous if I make the following suggestions, subject to your revision:

"It should be clearly understood that the proposed merger shall not affect the ownership, character or standing of the seminaries, colleges, academies, or like institutions which are operating under distinct char-

ters. Whatever experience may suggest as time goes on will have to be determined by future legislation."

In regard to the method of procedure I venture to propose the following resolutions, which were proposed at the meeting of the General Synod in Chicago, and unanimously adopted; and also three additional resolutions which were adopted by the Committee on Revision of the General Council Constitution, meeting July 5-7, 1917, at Atlantic City. In order that the import of these resolutions may be clear, and be regularly before us, I shall call for the report of the Committee on Constitutional Revision, when our body comes to a consideration of this part of the President's report dealing with the question of merger. I suggest that the General Council by special vote, prior to the passing of the President's Report into the hands of committee, resolve to consider this part of this report on the floor of this body.

THE RESOLUTIONS

1. *Resolved*, That the General Council hereby approves the proposed constitution of the United Lutheran Church in America, authorizes and directs its submission to the District Synods at their next conventions, and most heartily recommends its adoption.

2. *Resolved*, That if at least three-fourths of the District Synods of the General Council shall ratify this constitution, and if it shall appear that it has been ratified also by the District Synods of the General Synod and of the United Synod in the South, then the next convention of the General Council shall be held on the second Tuesday of November, 1918, beginning at 8 P. M., at such place as shall be determined, and shall continue in session for about two days, after which it shall dissolve, and merge in the United Lutheran Church in America, whose first convention shall then and there begin.

If, however, the District Synods of neither the General Synod nor the United Synod in the South shall ratify this constitution, the ratification thereof by the District Synods of the General Council shall be considered null and void. In view of such a contingency the General Council shall make provision for its usual convention.

3. *Resolved*, That in order to effect the union in accordance with legal requirements, to avoid possible confusion and without destroying in the least the nature and provisions of this constitution, the following be inserted in Article V. "Delegates" at the conclusion of the first sentence, following the words "and one lay delegate," viz:

"And provided further that the delegates elected by the Synods to the last conventions of the general bodies to which they respectively belong held prior to the first convention hereunder, shall be and they are in the adoption hereof chosen by their respective Synods as their duly elected delegates to said first convention hereunder, irrespective of the basis of representation upon which they were chosen."

4. *Resolved*, That the President of the General Council be hereby directed to appoint a committee of seven, of which the President and the

Secretary shall be *ex-officio* members, to be known as the Committee on Ways and Means, in the event that the constitution be ratified, or as a Continuation Committee in case it be not ratified.

The duties of the Committee on Ways and Means shall embrace the following:

(a) To inquire into the legality of the entire matter of union and if necessary to employ legal counsel.

(b) To be the arbiters to whom all questions shall be referred.

(c) To form with similar committees appointed by the other general bodies a Joint Committee on Ways and Means, to which must be referred the agreements between the several Boards and societies for final decision and which shall arrange and perfect all the details incident to the formation of the union and the holding of the first convention.

5. *Resolved*, That the Boards and societies and other agencies of the General Council whose consolidation with similar Boards, societies and agencies in the other bodies is contemplated in this union, shall, upon its ratification, proceed at once to take the needed steps to effect mergers, subject to the approval of the Committee on Ways and Means. They shall pursue a generous course in dealing with the other bodies, but at the same time they shall see to it that the respective interests which they hold in trust receive equitable consideration.

And they are also hereby charged and instructed to carry on their usual work with zeal and without interruption until it can be safely transferred.

Praying, that the Lord will guide the General Council aright in this Convention,

Respectfully submitted,

T. E. SCHMAUK,

President of the General Council.

The Report was received, and referred to the following Committees on the President's Report:

1. ON PART I. *Kropp Commission and President's Appointments*.—Rev. F. O. Bosch, Rev. G. A. Brandelle, D.D., E. F. Bachmann, D.D., Prof. H. Offermann, D.D., G. F. Greiner, Esq., J. B. Kaercher, Esq., and Dr. G. T. Ettinger.

2. ON PART II. *Protests and Appeals*.—The Revs. W. D. C. Keiter, D.D., Rev. M. Ranseen, D.D., A. T. Steinhæuser, D.D., N. Melhorn, D.D., E. Hoffman, D.D., J. H. Orr, Hon. H. J. Steele, E. Aug. Miller, Esq., G. E. Schlegelmilch, Esq., Prof. Carl E. Esbjorn.

3. ON PART III. *Requests*.—The Revs. Prof. G. H. Gerberding, D.D., Prof. Frank Nelson, Rev. J. A. Krantz, D.D., G. K. Rubrecht, Mr. John M. Snyder, Prof. R. H. Horn.

Resolved, That the paragraphs touching the Merger be made the special order this afternoon.

ACTION ON THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

In the Friday Afternoon Session, the Rev. Dr. Offermann presented the

REPORT ON PART I OF THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Your Committee to whom was referred part of the President's Report begs leave to submit the following recommendations:

1. In view of the extraordinary conditions with which our Church is confronted today, and which during the past two years made it necessary for the President of this body to decide questions of far-reaching importance requiring great tact and the highest executive ability, we recommend that the General Council most earnestly recognize and appreciate the untiring zeal, devotion, and labors of its President, as well as the rare wisdom and foresight with which he has performed the manifold and arduous duties of his office. We also recommend that all official acts of the President be hereby approved.

2. We heartily endorse the steps that have been taken by our President to meet the present war situation and to lay upon all our Synods, churches, and people the duty of living up to their grave responsibilities.

3. We hereby express our sincere appreciation and lasting gratitude for the "extraordinary, indefatigable, and universal efforts" of the Joint Quadri-Centennial Committee as a whole, and especially of its Executive Secretary, to draw the attention of the Church and of Christendom at large to the Fourth Centenary of the Reformation.

4. We fully approve the action taken by the President with regard to the Lutherans in the Virgin Islands, and we express our thanks to the Committee and its chairman for the work that has been done in this respect.

5. In regard to the General Council Pension Fund we commend the noble act of a departed member of one of our churches who left a bequest of \$5,000 to the General Council "to be used and held for its Ministerial Pension Fund for aged clergymen," and we earnestly hope and pray that other contributions and bequests to this worthy cause will be made.

Respectfully submitted,

THE COMMITTEE.

The Report was adopted as a whole, the first item by a rising vote.

In the Friday Afternoon Session the Rev. Dr. Keiter presented the

REPORT ON PART II: ON PROTESTS AND APPEALS

BRETHREN:—Your Committee on the section of the President's report dealing with protests and appeals respectfully reports, that we have carefully considered the items referred to our Committee and state as follows:

1. Regarding the matter of establishing a congregation at Rosemont, Lehigh county, Pa., your Committee is advised by the President of the Allentown Conference of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania that this matter has been amicably adjusted and settled. Your Committee therefore concludes that no further action is necessary.

2. Regarding the protest of Mr. Max H. S. Brombacher, we have carefully considered the voluminous correspondence presented in this matter, and we find therefrom, that, while it appears that personalities are to some extent involved in the difficulty presented, yet there are also issues and principles raised by the appellant which we believe deserve the earnest and careful consideration of this Council to an extent beyond the capacity of time, opportunity and information at the present disposal of this Committee, your Committee therefore respectfully recommends:

That this matter with all the correspondence and data in relation thereto be referred to a special Committee of five to be appointed by the President of the Council to make careful investigation into and consideration of the issues and principles raised and involved in this matter including as a primary and precedent consideration, the jurisdiction and authority of the General Council itself in matters and issues of this character.

And that this Committee be instructed to present its report to the President of the Council, and that if he approves the same, this report shall stand as the action of the General Council.

W. D. C. KEITER, *Chairman*.

G. E. SCHLEGELMILCH, *Sec'y*.

The Report was adopted as a whole, with an amendment proposed by Dr. Kunzmann,

Resolved, That the Max Brombacher appeal be referred to a special committee of five to report at the next Convention.*

In the Monday afternoon Session the Rev. G. K. Rubrecht presented the

REPORT ON PART III: ON REQUESTS

Your Sub-Committee on Requests presented in the President's Report begs permission to submit the following report:

1. That the action of the President, in referring the proposed charter of the German Home Mission Board, and the request for permission to incorporate under the laws of New York to the Committee on Rules for Incorporation of Boards and Examination of Charters, be approved.

2. That the requests of the Women's Missionary Society of the General Council for a Semi-Annual Conference of men and women to dis-

* In as much as the pastor of St. Luke's congregation, Brooklyn, has reported that Mr. Max H. Brombacher is deceased, and as no one has appeared to act as sponsor for the protest, at the request of the President of the New York Ministerium the appointment of the aforesaid committee has been held in abeyance by the President of the General Council.

cuss plans and methods of mission work, as outlined by the governing bodies, be referred to the Mission Boards of the General Council.

3. That the request of the same Society that women be given representation on the Budget Committee of the General Council, so that there may be more intelligent co-operation in the work of the Church, be deferred in view of the coming merger.

4. That the action of the President in referring the communication of the Right Rev. Nathan Söderblom, Archbishop of Sweden, in reference to the holding of the next General Evangelical Lutheran Conference in America in a year when there is peace in the world to the Committee on International Lutheran Conference be approved.

5. That the General Council express its appreciation and thanks to the Merchants' Association of New York for its cordial invitation to hold the next Convention in New York City, and that the invitation be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means for final disposition.

6. That the action of the President in referring the communication of Mr. Robt. H. Gardiner, Secretary of the World Conference on Faith and Order to the Committee on Faith and Order of the General Council, be approved.

G. H. GERBERDING,
G. KELLER RUBRECHT,
JOHN M. SNYDER,
ROBERT H. HORN.

The report was adopted by items and as a whole.

The Resolutions appended to the President's Report were acted upon in the Thursday Afternoon Session.

Under Item 5, Mr. John B. Franke, of Ft. Wayne, Ind., presented an invitation to hold the next Convention in the historic Holy Trinity Church, Ft. Wayne, Ind.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The President appointed the following Tellers: For President—The Revs. E. C. J. Kraeling, Alfred Appell, G. A. Benze, D.D., G. E. Schlegelmilch, Esq., and Mr. J. M. Snyder. For the other Officers—The Revs. W. L. Stough, A. B. MacIntosh, Prof. T. H. Serfass, Messrs. M. Luther Shearer, Chas. W. Fuhr and George Hemsing.

The result was announced later in the afternoon, the former officers being re-elected, as follows:

PRESIDENT.

REV. THEODORE E. SCHMAUK, D.D., LL.D., Lebanon, Pa.

RECORDING SECRETARIES.

English—REV. WILLIAM K. FRICK, D.D., Milwaukee, Wis.

German—REV. GOTTLIEB C. BERKEMEIER, D.D., Mount Vernon, N. Y.

Swedish—REV. LAURENTIUS G. ABRAHAMSON, D.D., Rock Island, Ill.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARIES.

English—REV. FREDERICK A. KAEHLER, D.D., Buffalo, N. Y.

German—REV. PROF. HENRY OFFERMANN, D.D., Mt. Airy, Philadelphia, Pa.

Swedish—REV. ALFRED APPELL, Burlington, Ia.

TREASURER.

MR. ANDREW G. ANDERSON, Rock Island, Ill.

The Presidents of the several Synods, except that from which the President is chosen, are ex-officio the Vice-Presidents of the General Council. (See the Directory for names.)

Hon. Frank M. Riter presented the following Loyalty Resolutions, which were unanimously adopted by a rising vote:

LOYALTY RESOLUTIONS

We, the Members of The General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, in convention assembled in this notable year of the Quadri-Centennial of the Reformation, representing over 800,000 baptized members, conscious of our sacred duty before Almighty God in these trying times, and deeply moved by the great and serious task which they have imposed upon our Government; and mindful of the heroic deeds and noble sacrifices of our forefathers at every crisis in the history of our beloved country, do hereby present the following preamble and resolutions:

WHEREAS, We are mindful of the good order and happiness flowing from attachment to the principles upon which our Government is founded, and sincerely hold and believe that it is the bounden duty of those in authority to provide for the enactment and enforcement of laws to the end that the rights, prerogatives and obligations of American citizenship may be secured, maintained and met;

WHEREAS, The doctrinal basis of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, expressed in the principles of the Augsburg Confession, to which the ministry and members of the Church are solemnly obligated, commands loyalty to the Government of the United States; therefore, be it

Resolved:—1. That we remember before God and record before man, our deep gratitude that the United States have rightly maintained liberty of conscience, freedom of worship and a separation of Church and State,

which are precious heritages of the Reformation, and under which our Church has enjoyed unbroken prosperity.

2. That we pray Almighty God to grant us, the American people, together with our Allies, a complete and decisive victory over our enemies, in order that our ancient liberties may be preserved and deepened; and that justice, righteousness, and that freedom, which is our sacred heritage, may be enjoyed by the nations of the earth.

3. That we express to the President of the United States our Christian sympathy and loyal devotion, and beseech our Heavenly Father to sustain and strengthen him with all needed grace, and that we most earnestly pledge to him our support in the exercise of his constitutional authority as the Commander-in-Chief of the Army and Navy of the United States, in his high and earnest purpose "to make the world safe for democracy."

4. That we pledge our earnest co-operation in all constructive efforts to bring this great war to a just issue, and that we encourage all our people to give their enthusiastic support to the efforts of our Government for the conservation and control of food supplies, to all Liberty Loans, to the work of the Red Cross and to all agencies which promote the welfare of our soldiers and sailors.

5. That we record with just pride the fact that so many of our young men have gone forth from our congregations at their country's call; that we pray that they, and all the young men of our Army and Navy, be found courageous and chivalrous, strong and heroic, pure, temperate, manly and just; that we beseech God to defend them in all danger and save them from temptation; that we urge all men cheerfully to respond to the call to arms and utterly condemn those who in any way falter or obstruct the carrying out of the laws of our land; holding, as we do that upon the declaration of a state of war every loyal man and woman became a trustee of his time and talents, life, and fortunes for our Country.

6. That we unite in prayer to Almighty God to give us as a Nation, a due sense of His overruling providence, so that we may enjoy that security which can only be obtained by a unity of purpose and effort, which will command and receive the respect of the whole world; securing in the end victory to our arms, and the blessing of a speedy, honorable and lasting peace.

7. That a copy of these resolutions be transmitted to His Excellency, the President of the United States, and to all Lutheran Chaplains, at their posts of service.

October 24, 1917.

FRANK M. RITER, *Chairman.*

JOHN T. JANSSEN,
ADEN. B. MACINTOSH,
J. E. WHITTAKER,
HOWARD R. GOLD.

J. B. OAKLEAF,
G. FRANKLIN GEHR,
JACOB FRY,
EDWIN F. KEEVER.

The hymn "My Country, 'Tis of Thee" was sung, and prayer was offered by the Rev. Dr. Henry W. Roth.

The President appointed the Rev. Franklin F. Fry, D.D., to act as Chaplain during the Convention, and the Rev. George H. Schnur to be Assistant to the Secretary.

The Delegates from the Virgin Islands (formerly Danish America), headed by Provost Helweg Larsen, were announced.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Roth, it was

Resolved, That the privileges of the floor be extended to the Commissioners from the General Synod, the United Synod in the South, and the Virgin Islands.

The Rev. Dr. H. E. Jacobs called attention to the presence on the floor of Hon. William H. Staake, for a generation Treasurer of the General Council, who, at the request of the President, addressed the Convention.

The Secretary presented the Executive Committee's Report, which was adopted as a whole.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

I. PROVISIONAL ORDER OF BUSINESS.

The Convention will meet at 9 a. m. and 2 p. m. It will adjourn at 12 m. and at 5 p. m.

For the various services, Anniversary and Quadri-Centennial Festival events, see separate program of Festival Events.

Wednesday Morning

OPENING COMMUNION SERVICE, Zion's Church, Franklin Square.

Civic Welcome of the General Council to the City of Philadelphia, extended by representatives of the City's institutions, 9.45 a. m.

Confessional Service, 10.30 a. m.

The Service, 10.45 a. m.

Sermon by the Rev. T. E. Schmauk, D.D., LL.D., President of the General Council.

The Holy Communion will be administered by the Officers and Vice-Presidents of the General Council.

(All Business Sessions are held in Witherspoon Hall,
Walnut and Juniper Streets.)

(The tentative order is omitted, as the actual order is given on page 2.)

II. REGULATIONS.

1. DELEGATES. 1. The list is to be sent to the President and Secretary two weeks in advance of the meeting.

2. Certificates of Appointment are to be handed to the President at the opening session.

3. After the certificates have been handed in, Synods may fill up the remaining third of their delegation up to the morning of the second day by presenting their credentials to the President.

2. REPORTS. 1. Reports, with recommendations, shall be sent to the Secretary one month in advance.

2. Additional recommendations and changes in reports may be presented in writing on the floor.

3. Printed reports shall be sent out in a booklet.

4. No unprinted reports (except recommendations) shall be read unless specially called for by a majority vote.

5. All undigested details shall be referred to committee before discussion.

6. Only totals of figures shall be read, unless items are called for.

7. Two hours is the maximum limit for consideration of a Board report (see Rules in 1915 Minutes, p. 35, for details).

8. Institutions shall report under Inner Missions.

3. APPORTIONMENTS. Requests for apportionments must be submitted in advance and not later than July 1st.

4. BOARD EXPENDITURES. Boards are required to render itemized statements of expenditures.

III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS OF 1915.

I. CHURCH BOOK.

P. 261. Synodical action on "Catholic" for "Christian."

P. 261. Title of "Common Service Book."

P. 261. Edition of Book without Ministerial Acts.

II. EDUCATION.

Pp. 275, 276. Proposed merger of University Work Committee with Board of Education.

P. 281. University Work expansion.

III. ENGLISH HOME MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION.

P. 60. Board Relations to Non-Lutheran Bodies.

P. 175. Co-ordination of Work of Boards.

P. 140. Synodical representation at Church Extension Society's meetings.

P. 141. Secretary of the Society to furnish Reports to Representatives.

P. 141. Committee to Confer with the Society.

P. 141. Slav Church Extension funds.

- P. 175. Co-ordination of Work of the Boards.
- P. 241. Arbitration Committee with General Synod.

IV. FINANCIAL AND QUADRI-CENTENNIAL.

- P. 25. The Nicum Bequests.
- P. 31. Ministerial Pensions to be discussed by Synods.
- P. 60. Board Relations to Non-Lutheran Bodies.
- P. 207. Quadri-Centennial Plans.
- P. 208. A Chicago Second Reformation Festival.
- P. 209. Commission to meet with General Synod.
- P. 211. Synods to Omit Special Financial Efforts, 1917.
- P. 211. Jubilee Fund program.
- Pp. 214, 218. Appropriations Authorized.
- P. 215. Requests for Apportionment to be Itemized.
- P. 216. Statistician's duties.
- P. 216. Duplex Envelopes and Every-Member Canvass commended.
- P. 216. Treasurer's Books to close July 1.
- P. 217. Apportionment Requests due July 15th.
- Pp. 218, 299. Reporting and payment of Apportionments urged.
- P. 218. Same referred to Synods directly affected.
- P. 218. Committee expenses authorized.
- P. 285. Uniform statistical Blanks.
- P. 285. Statistician's Duties, ex-officio Member of Committee.
- P. 296. Auditor's Reports to be Furnished.

V. FOREIGN MISSIONS.

- Pp. 119, 120. Foreign Mission Recommendations, covering Father Heyer Anniversary and Relief of German Missions in India and Africa.

VI. INNER MISSIONS.

- P. 256. Inner Mission Report to be discussed by Synods.
- P. 257. Inner Mission Conferences authorized.

VII. JEWISH AND SLAV MISSIONS.

- P. 175. Slav Church Extension funds.
- P. 290. "Jewish Missionary" to be made official organ.
- P. 291. Yiddish Sermons to be Printed.
- P. 290. Jewish Mission Study in the Churches.
- P. 290. Fund for beneficiaries.

VIII. NEXT CONVENTION AND CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION.

- P. 30. Fiftieth Anniversary of General Council.
- P. 31. G. C. Women's Society meeting.
- Pp. 38, 40. Plan for Elections to be voted on.
- P. 190. Committee on Nominations.
- Pp. 201, 203. Committee on Constitutional Revision.

- P. 202. Great Problems and Causes to be stressed in program.
- P. 208. 1917 Convention.
- P. 236. Expediting Roll Call.
- P. 236. Committee of Nine.
- P. 266. Commission on Lutheran Unity.
- P. 277. Chairmen of Delegations to draw attention to G. C. Resolutions.
- Pp. 275, 323. West Coast Meeting, 1919.
- P. 277. Large Map for Philadelphia Convention.
- P. 292. Officers to decide date.
- P. 292. Election Rules in force, 1917.
- P. 292. Provision for Marking Ballots.

IX. PUBLICATION MATTERS.

- P. 31. Proposed Year Book.
- P. 186. Increasing size of "Der Deutsche Lutheraner."
- P. 235. Editor of The Lutheran's Salary.
- P. 235. Audit of Publication Board's Accounts.
- P. 297. Committee on German Parish papers.

X. PORTO RICO AND LATIN AMERICA BOARD.

- P. 50. Porto Rico Board Charter.
- P. 116. Porto Rico Charter.

XI. SYNODICAL AND GENERAL.

- Pp. 59, 175, 202, 236, 325. Matters Referred to Executive Committee.
- P. 59. Minutes of Synods to be sent to General Council Secretary.
- P. 59. Committee on Literature for Men's Organizations.
- P. 59. Executive Committee to Interpret Qualification of Voters.
- P. 273. Standing Committee on Necrology.
- Pp. 292, 293. Committee on Evangelism.

IV. MEETINGS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Under the Resolution adopted, 1915 Minutes, p. 38, the Executive Committee met at Fort Pitt Hotel, Pittsburgh, Thursday, February 8, 1917, in conjunction with meetings of the Synodical Presidents of the General Council and the Budget and Finance Committee. The following business was transacted:

I. UNFINISHED AND REFERRED BUSINESS, G. C. MINUTES, 1915.

1. Pp. 58, 59, concerning a request for the interpretation of the Qualification of Voters in Art. III, Sec. 1, of the Model Constitution for Congregations.

Resolved, That the General Council be requested, through the President to appoint a Committee to revise the Model Constitution.

2. P. 125. The Incorporation of the Slav Board has been accomplished.

3 *Resolved*, That we approve the action of the President in the matter of the German Home Mission Board up to this point.

4. P. 285. The following motions were passed with reference to Statistical Matters:

That Mr. George Hemsing, Statistician, communicate with the Publication House, and see that it issues the form of parochial blank referred to on p. 285, and given on p. 286, Minutes of 1915.

That we appoint Dr. Hunton, Mr. Hemsing, and Rev. William M. Kopenhaver a committee to devise a plan to secure perfect statistics for the General Council and report at the next meeting of the General Council.

That they be requested to co-operate with all General Bodies in order to secure uniform statistics for the whole Church.

That we urgently request Presidents of Synods to see that uniform blanks be acted upon by their respective synods and to communicate their action to the Statistician.

That the Secretary be authorized to notify the Publication Board of this action.

That the Statistician be requested to get into touch with all General Council statisticians.

(The movement for a merger has halted action on these resolutions.)

5. *Resolved*, That in order to save the time of the Convention a Business Committee be appointed to whom minor details be committed to report at the close of the Convention.

II. NEW BUSINESS.

1. Concerning Women's work in the Church.

Resolved, That the General Council elect or appoint a Committee which shall confer and counsel with representatives of our Women's Societies concerning the work of the Church.

Resolved, That the President of the Women's Home and Foreign Mission Society consider the advisability of holding their meeting at some other time than that of the General Council.

2. Concerning Porto Rico and Latin America.

Attention was called to the fact that a motion passed at the last Convention of the General Council failed to be incorporated in the Minutes.

Resolved, That the Porto Rico and Latin America Mission Board be asked to investigate the necessities of the Field in South America and report the same at the next Convention.

As a partial offset to the omission, attention was called to the addition "of Latin America" to the title of the Porto Rico Board.

Rev. Mr. Hankey for the Board, and Rev. Mr. Horn, who has during the past year acted as the representative of the General Council by special appointment of the President of the General Council, reported various steps taken to secure information and priority in the Danish West Indies.

Resolved, That we express our grateful appreciation of the efficient

manner in which the General Council officials have looked after the Danish West Indies work.

That we encourage the Porto Rico and Latin America Board to begin work in Latin America.

3. The Question of how to receive Bishop Loenegren, of Sweden, should he be able to carry out his intention to visit the Augustana Synod and the Church in America during the Quadri-Centennial year was touched upon and a committee was authorized to be appointed, if deemed advisable, to act in conjunction with the Committee of the Augustana Synod on a reception of the Bishop.

In the absence of Mr. Anderson, the Secretary submitted the

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL

Andrew G. Anderson, Treasurer, in account with the General Expense Fund of the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America, since 1915 Audit.

Debit

Balance as per report Aug. 24, 1915, to the General Council,

by A. G. Anderson, Treasurer	\$7,034 47
Ministerium of Pennsylvania	2,240 00
Ministerium of New York	800 00
Pittsburgh Synod	1,184 00
District Synod of Ohio	432 00
Augustana Synod	2,080 00
Canada Synod	128 00
Chicago Synod	640 00
Pacific Synod	64 00
New York and New England Synod	985 78
Nova Scotia Synod	32 00
Central Canada Synod	18 00
Interest Collected	724 29

\$16,362 54

Credit

Press Committee, Official Stenographer and other miscellaneous expenses in connection with the convention of the General Council at Rock Island	\$ 133 19
Delegates to the General Council at Rock Island	202 00
Rev. W. K. Frick, account of secretarial expenses	50 00
The Quadri-Centennial Committee, traveling expenses	244 31
Board of Education	850 46
Secretary's Salary	100 00
Stationery	9 35
General Council Commission on U. S. Army and Navy Chaplains	15 25

The Joint Committee on Sunday-school Work	\$ 67 50
President's Office, clerical and incidental expenses	116 75
The Inner Mission Committee	9 87
Rev. William M. Horn, expenses as delegate to the meeting of the United Synod of the South at Wilmington, N. C...	38 90
General Council Publication House, for printing 2,800 copies General Council Minutes, 1915, etc.	1,072 79
General Council Publication House, for printing 700 Pre- Convention Bulletin, 1915, etc.	548 31
The Executive Committee	158 08
Rev. A. C. Kildegaard, as representative of the General Coun- cil to the Danish West Indies, traveling expenses.....	306 00
The Ministerial Pension Fund Committee	91 41
The Committee on Church Architecture	34 83
Sub-Committee on Ministerial Pensions	8 91
The Committee to draw up Constitution for the United Lu- theran Church in America	94 86
The Committee on Lutheran Unity, expenses attending meet- ing of General Synod at Chicago, June 26, 1917	182 54
The Committee on Proposed Constitution of the United Lutheran Church in America	36 36
The Committee on Revision of the General Council Consti- tution	696 29
Expenses of General Council Representatives to the Church Food Conservation meeting, Washington, D. C.	71 40
Rev. J. A. Clutz, Gettysburg, Pa., one-half of bill for print- ing and sending out copies of the Proposed Constitu- tion of The United Lutheran Church in America	28 62
General Council Share of rental of Metropolitan Opera House, Philadelphia, for Sunday evening and other ex- penses	200 00
General Council Share of Rental of Witherspoon Hall, Phil- adelphia, for daily sessions of Council	200 00
General Council Share of expenses for Illustrated Souvenir Programs (1917 convention)	150 00
The Provisional Committee on Lutheran Church in the Virgin Islands	13 85
	\$ 5,731 83
Balance on hand in bank Oct. 1, 1917	10,630 71
	\$16,362 54

Respectfully submitted,

A. G. ANDERSON,
Treasurer General Council.

Rock Island, Ill., Oct. 1, 1917.

The report was received and referred to an Auditing Committee: Messrs. Peter Leemhuis, Wm. S. Mohr and Gloss K. Mohr. They subsequently reported as follows:

We, the undersigned, the auditing committee, report herewith that we have examined the books of the Treasurer of the General Council and have found same to be correct.

PETER LEEMHUIS,
WM. S. MOHR,
GLOSS K. MOHR.

The President appointed the following:

Committee on Documents, Papers and Abstracts: The Revs. H. D. Spaeth, D.D., A. Appell, E. A. Trabert, J. H. Umbenhen, Ph.D., B. F. Hankey and Mr. Henry F. Heyer.

The Secretaries presented the following abstracts of the transactions of the various Synods as prepared by their respective Presidents:

ABSTRACTS OF MINUTES OF DISTRICT SYNODS

I. Ministerium of Pennsylvania and the Adjacent States

Since the last meeting of the General Council, the Ministerium of Pennsylvania, etc., has held two annual conventions and one adjourned meeting.

The annual report for the year ending May 1, 1917, shows that the Ministerium enrolled 411 ministers, 352 parishes, 579 congregations, 225,436 baptized members, and 161,486 confirmed members. The net confirmed membership gain for the biennium has been 2,359. Of the confirmed membership 127,245 are reported as having communed during the past year. During the biennium 1,199 adults and 15,787 infants were baptized, and 11,979 persons were received into communicant membership by confirmation. Within the same period eight of our ministers passed on to their reward, and 21 young men were admitted to ordination. During the past year 107,744 pupils in 551 Sunday-schools have been under the instruction of 10,800 teachers and officers; and there are catechumens to the number of 3,453; 145 students are reported as being in Lutheran Institutions of Learning, and 469 in non-Lutheran; 72 are reported in course of preparation for the Ministry. Four young women are in training to become Deaconesses. The total reported congregational expenses (current and special) for the biennium were \$2,332,982.55, and the total benevolence netted the sum of \$462,433.57.

The Philadelphia Seminary had 51 undergraduate and 7 graduate students during 1916-17. For the first time in the history of the Seminary degrees were conferred. The Seminary has an endowment fund of \$349,993.99.

Muhlenberg College enrolled 405 students, as follows: In the College proper, 196; in the Preparatory School, 102; in the Teachers' School, 107. Military training was introduced toward the close of the second semester of the past scholastic year. The fiftieth anniversary of the College will occur in November of this year. The College has an endowment of \$269,692.35. Many of our students have volunteered, and others have been drafted into the Army and Navy service of our country.

The Education Committee supervised the aid afforded by the Ministerium to 41 young men preparing for the Ministry—13 in the Seminary at Philadelphia and 28 in Muhlenberg College.

A long step forward has been taken in the matter of caring for Lutheran students in non-Lutheran Institutions, and the Ministerium has recorded its approval of the effort of the General Council Committee on Student Work to secure a pastor for the Pennsylvania field. (Since that record such Student Pastor has been secured.)

Provision has been made, and a Committee appointed, to care for the men who are in Training Camps and cantonments on the territory of the Ministerium; and the Ministerium is co-operating with the movement to exercise a care over the welfare of soldiers and sailors in the Army and Navy of the United States.

Perhaps the largest forward step which the Ministerium has taken during the biennium is the revision of its Constitution and By-laws, adopted at the convention of 1917, focalizing the authority of oversight in a Presidency, the incumbent of which is elected for a number of years. Regular business offices for the President and the Treasurer and Secretary of Benevolences have been established in the City of Philadelphia. These forward steps have already proved their value. A system of service pensions was proposed, considered at an adjourned meeting, and finally adopted at the 1917 convention. It is now in operation.

On account of the large things prepared for the celebration of the Quadri-Centennial of the Protestant Reformation when the General Council meets as the Ministerium's guest in October, 1917, in Philadelphia, the Ministerium spent Thursday afternoon and evening, June 7th, in a celebration of this event. In addition to this a monument of Henry Melchior Muhlenberg, erected by the congregations and Sunday-schools of the Ministerium, will be unveiled on the grounds of the Theological Seminary at Philadelphia during the convention of the General Council.

The Ministerium has a very large and rapidly growing Inner Mission work upon its territory. A bequest of \$4,345.03 has been received, the income from which is to be devoted to the work of Foreign Missions. Mr. W. F. Monroe, an active Lutheran layman in Philadelphia, by a generous gift has laid the foundation for a permanent fund for the aid of Pastors' Widows. Another Philadelphia Lutheran layman, Mr. Peter Woll, Jr., by a gift of \$5,000.00, has begun a "Luther-Dank" endowment, the object of which is "the support of theological students primarily from the bounds of the Philadelphia German Conference of the Minis-

terium, and secondarily from the entire territory of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania."

Upon the initiative of the President of the Ministerium a thorough survey of the Ministerium has been made as to

- (a) Territorial location and data.
- (b) Material resources.
- (c) Character and spirit of congregations.
- (d) Character and activity of pastors.

In the interest of a co-ordination of the energies of the Ministerium toward increased and effective benevolent operations a Secretary for Systematic Benevolence has been elected, and entered upon the duties of his office April 1, 1917.

The Ministerium has declared its great joy as a result of a "true and genuine movement to unite the Lutheran Church upon a common confession of faith and a real unity of spirit."

At its last convention the Ministerium determined to grant to members of its Women's Missionary Societies advisory representation upon all Boards and Committees of the Ministerium to the specific work of which the women are contributors in their organized capacity; and the delegates of the Ministerium to this meeting of the General Council were formally instructed to ask the General Council to decide the question of granting advisory representation on its Boards of like character to members of the General Council Women's Missionary Society.

H. A. WELLER, *President*.

II. New York Ministerium.

The New York Ministerium held two regular and one special Synods during the biennium, the former two in New York City and the latter in October, 1916, in Utica, N. Y. Pastor Fred. H. Bosch was elected president of the Ministerium succeeding the Rev. G. C. F. Haas, D.D., who had completed his fourth term of three (3) years each in office. During the biennium six pastors connected with the Ministerium were called to their reward, the Revs. Lothar Brunke, Paul Becker, John A. Timm, Theo. Bauck, Hugo Hoffmann, Ph.D., and Bernhard Pick, Ph.D. Fifteen new pastors were received and dismissed to other bodies, leaving a net gain of one pastor. Six congregations were added to the roll. The annual report for the year ending June, 1917, shows this Ministerium to consist of 157 ministers, 150 congregations, 53,920 communicants, 29,878 contributing members; 137 adults, and 4,076 were baptized, 2,875 persons confirmed, 31,311 scholars are instructed by 3,224 officers and teachers in 104 German and 89 English Sunday-schools. The current receipts of congregations during the year 1916-17 amounted to \$518,578.95, and the total benevolent

contributions to \$63,864.80. Eighteen mission congregations are being assisted. Several missions have become self-sustaining.

At a special meeting of the Ministerium held in Utica, N. Y., in October, 1916, it was decided to transfer Wagner College from Rochester, N. Y., to the vicinity of New York City. This action was confirmed by Synod in regular session in June, 1917. A beautiful property comprising 38 acres of land located on Staten Island, New York City, has been bought for this important School of the Prophets. Preparations are being made to have the buildings ready for the opening of the institution on Staten Island in September, 1917. The Ministerium is at present engaged in gathering a Reformation Jubilee Fund of \$100,000.00, 80 percent of which is to be for Wagner College and 20 percent for the Theological Seminary at Mt. Airy, Philadelphia.

The question of a salaried president has been revived. A motion to change the Constitution of the Ministerium so as to make the election of a salaried president possible is awaiting the action of the next Synod.

By permission of Synod the New York and the Long Island Conferences united under the name New York Conference. The Ministerium now numbers five conferences.

A favorable attitude was taken over against the action of the Quadri-Centennial Committee looking toward the union of the General Council, the General Synod and the United Synod South as the United Lutheran Church in America.

At the instigation of the president of the New York and New England Synod committees were appointed by the Ministerium and said Synod to consider the matter of re-uniting these two bodies.

Since this year Synod convenes on a Monday night instead of on Thursday morning as formerly.

Preparations are being made to celebrate the Jubilee of the Reformation in a befitting manner.

THEO. O. POSSELT, *Secretary*.

III. The Pittsburgh Synod

The Pittsburgh Synod held two regular conventions during the biennium, at Butler, Pa., June 22-27, 1916, and at Greensburg, Pa., June 7-11, 1917.

The Annual Report for the year ending May 1, 1917, shows the following: 156 ministers, 192 congregations, 27,223 members in good standing, 27,133 officers and teachers in the Sunday-schools, church valuation \$3,389,100.00, total local expenses \$328,966.79, for all benevolences \$155,936.77.

During the biennium our English mission congregations have been transferred to the management of the General Council English Home

Mission Board, and Rev. C. A. Dennig, one of our own missionaries, has been chosen as the Field Missionary for Pittsburgh and vicinity.

Two missionaries have been sent to India from our Synod, Prof. Hiram Sipes, of Freeport, Pa., a graduate of Thiel College, and Miss Virginia Boyer, a teacher in our school at the Orphans' Home and Farm School at Zelienople, Pa. Both of these missionaries are supported by our Synod, and Miss Boyer by the Sunday-school children of our congregations.

The Rev. Prof. Henry W. Elson, Ph.D., dean of the Department of History at Athens University, Athens, Ohio, an alumnus of Thiel College, and an historian of some prominence, has been elected President of our Educational Institution at Greenville.

Five special bequests were given to our Educational and Missionary Institutions. A loyal layman of the First Lutheran Church, Pittsburgh, offered \$20,000 to our Old People's Home at Zelienople, Pa., provided Synod would raise \$30,000, Synod raised \$44,000, and as a result a fine, large wing was built to our Old People's Home which cost about \$65,000. Within the past year the same generous layman added \$50,000 to the Home's endowment. The interest of the Synod in this undertaking is evidenced by the fact, that 6,363 individuals contributed to it.

During the Quadri-Centennial Jubilee Year two special gifts were given our Orphans' Home and Farm School at Zelienople by one of the generous laymen of Butler, Pa., one of \$20,000 for a boys' cottage, and another of \$15,000 as an endowment, the interest of which shall be used to educate boys for the ministry and girls for the work of mercy:

Thus, during the past biennium, the Home—the property of the Synod, and in whose name the title is vested—received the munificent sum of \$114,788.99 for Buildings and Endowment.

Early in 1917 Thiel College was bequeathed \$5,000, the interest of which should be used to establish an Instructorship of Missions.

The Quadri-Centennial Jubilee year was fittingly observed by our Synod and a systematic effort made to introduce many devotional books into our homes, and about 1,500 new subscriptions were taken for our church papers. Many Jubilee addresses and lectures were delivered throughout our congregations. About \$55,000 were raised, besides the special bequests mentioned elsewhere, for missions and education.

IV. The District Synod of Ohio.

Since the last meeting of the General Council, the District Synod of Ohio held two regular meetings, one in St. Paul's Church, Lima, the Rev. E. A. Trabert, pastor, June 22-26, 1916, and the other in St. John's Church, Dayton, the Rev. M. L. Wagner, D.D., pastor, June 4-8, 1917.

One special meeting was held in the First English Church, Columbus, the Rev. A. J. Holl, pastor, Jan. 9, 1917.

This synod is composed of 55 pastors, 53 parishes, 91 congregations, 13,355 confirmed members; reports 1,056 adult accessions, and has 29 students in preparation for the ministry and 16 missions on its territory.

A marked advance is noted in interest, missionary zeal, and efficiency, as is evidenced by the increase of many pastors' salaries, new churches and parsonages, and the ever increasing number of congregations which assume the apportionment as a sacred obligation.

The question of a salaried president was discussed at length at the last convention, and will be definitely disposed of at the next meeting.

The General Secretary of the Chicago Seminary reports that the endowment of Synod's Professorship has grown to \$32,037.27 in cash, pledges and notes.

The question of establishing a Synodical Home for Old People and Orphans was settled for the present by the adoption of recommendations presented by the Committee on Christian Homes, which will establish an unofficial relation between the District Synod of Ohio and the Old Peoples' and Orphans' Home of East Toledo through the membership of clerical and lay members of Synod in the society which owns and controls this Home.

The subject of a synodical institution of higher education was also disposed of by the acceptance of a proposition from the Board of Trustees of Thiel College, inviting the District Synod of Ohio to take part in the management and support of this institution.

At the special meeting of Synod in Columbus, Jan. 9, 1917, plans were adopted for a worthy celebration of the Quadri-Centennial of the Reformation throughout the bounds of the Synod which include the raising of a Jubilee Fund of \$30,000 to be equally divided between the Synodical Church Extension Fund and a Pastors' and Widows' Pension Fund, the latter to be "a separate Synodical Fund which can at any time be made a part of a similar fund of the General Council."

At the regular meeting in June, 1917, Synod resolved to co-operate in the raising of the "General Council Quadri-Centennial Thank-Offering Fund for Missions."

Later on the president of Synod was elected by the Synodical Committee as Executive Secretary to devote his entire time and energy to this enterprise for a period of six months.

By action of Synod two items are to be brought to the attention of the Council for consideration at this Convention:

1. WHEREAS, There is to be a reorganization of the General Council

Board of Education, therefore Synod instructs its delegates to the next Convention of the General Council to earnestly appeal to that body to establish an English Board of Education to aid in the establishing and assist in the maintenance of institutions of Christian education on the territory of the weaker synods of the West, as we believe such action would be a very important factor in solving the problem of securing more men for the ministry.

2. WHEREAS, The Joint Committee on Quadri-Centennial Celebration have proposed as a worthy achievement of our Church on the occasion of the Four-Hundredth Anniversary of the Reformation, a Federation of the three general bodies known as the General Council, General Synod and the United Synod of the South.

Resolved, First, That we, the District Synod of Ohio, are heartily in accord with such a movement, provided the General Council sees fit to enter into it; Second, That we instruct our delegates to the General Council to bring this action to the attention of that body.

These two resolutions were unanimously adopted.

The next meeting of Synod will convene the first Thursday after Trinity Sunday with the meeting of the Synodical Brotherhood on the preceding day, the place to be determined by the officers.

FINANCES FOR THE BIENNIUM

Value of Church Property	\$769,150 00
Value of Parsonages	101,200 00
Total	\$870,350 00
Current Expenses	\$254,787 71
Benevolence	38,491 19
Total	\$293,278 90

EDWARD F. RITTER, *President*.

V. The Augustana Synod.

Two annual meetings have been held during the biennium. The first was held in Galesburg, Ill., in the month of June, 1916, and the second at Augustana College, Rock Island, Ill., in June, 1917. Officers during the biennium have been as follows: President, Rev. L. A. Johnston, D.D., St. Paul, Minn.; Vice-President, Rev. G. A. Brandelle, D.D., Denver, Col.; Secretary, Rev. Jos. A. Anderson, Boxholm, Iowa; Treasurer, Mr. K. T. Anderson, Rock Island, Ill.

During the past two years a great deal of work has been expended on the development and strengthening of the Home Mission work both in the Swedish and the English. One Swedish and one English Field Secretary of the Home Mission Board have been employed. The educational work has been kept up and is constantly growing. Bethany College has

been increasing her Endowment Fund, until it totals almost \$200,000. North Star College has liquidated its indebtedness. The gymnasium at Augustana College has been completed at a cost of \$65,000. The Board of this Institution is authorized to proceed with the erection of buildings for the Theological Seminary as soon as the greater portion of the money required is subscribed. A fifth professor for the Theological Seminary was chosen last summer in the person of the Rev. Dr. S. G. Youngert.

Preparations have been made during the past two years for the erection of a Motherhouse and a Chapel at the Immanuel Deaconess Institute, Omaha, Neb. The estimated amount required is \$120,000. Enough money has been secured to warrant the laying of the corner stone of the Chapel some time this fall. Next year the Chapel will be completed and the work of the erection of the Motherhouse begun.

The endowment of the Ministerial Pension and Aid Fund has been pushed vigorously during the past biennium. The ministers themselves have endowed it to the extent of more than \$110,000. The laymen have agreed to raise the sum of \$500,000 within three or four years and are busy at work. The present net worth of the Fund is \$245,361.43.

The mission work in China has continued to develop in a satisfactory manner. The work is carried on at 5 mission stations and 11 out-stations. The working force is composed of 13 foreign-born men and 17 foreign-born women, together with 23 Chinese workers. Total number of baptized on the field, 330. In the Sunday-schools are 313 scholars, and in the lower elementary schools, 342.

In addition to doing foreign mission work in India, Japan, Porto Rico, and China, Synod determined at its last meeting to enter also Africa. Rev. Ralph Hult has accepted a call to this field and will sail for his field of labor as soon as arrangements can be made for his safe transportation.

At the meeting last year the Synod celebrated the one-hundredth anniversary of the birth of the late The Rev. Prof. T. N. Hasselquist, D.D. At its meeting this year the Quadri-Centennial of the Reformation was celebrated in a very interesting and appropriate manner.

At the first of the year the Synod had 1,207 congregations, 716 ministers, 191,478 communicant members on its rolls. The entire baptized membership was 277,978. During the biennium there were 22,589 infant baptisms, 12,982 of these belonging to families not members of the Church, and 415 adult baptisms; 16,730 were confirmed, 17,307 received by confession of faith and by letter of dismissal; 12,055 were dropped from the rolls; 17,209 were in the parochial schools and 80,828 in the Sunday-schools. Contributions during the biennium were as follows: Home Missions, \$202,931.57; Foreign Missions, \$111,836.35; Immigrant Missions, \$12,078.02; Church Extension, \$2,790.89; Education, \$179,309.67; Orphans' Homes, \$67,257.09; Hospitals, \$18,034.90; Deaconess Work, \$30,189.18; Ministerial Aid, \$27,654.46; Benevolence, \$96,508.79; Salaries, \$1,650,710. Total expense for the biennium, \$4,527,919.

G. A. BRANDELLE, *Vice-President.*

VI. The Canada Synod

One annual meeting was held since the last Convention of the General Council. Under the pressure of conditions created by the war it was considered wise to drop the 1916 meeting. The 55th annual meeting was held June 14-18, 1917, in St. Matthew's Church, of Hanover, Ont., Rev. Tweitmeyer, pastor. Since the Canada Synod is known in our country as a German body, it is needless to say that to carry on its various activities during the past two years required an unusual portion of wisdom and discretion. Thank God, we have so far passed through this most critical period in our history hardly the worse for it.

Our College and Seminary at Waterloo have continued to be the chief centre of Synodical interest and activity. The external and internal development of this institution was gratifying beyond expectation. The number of students has more than doubled since our last report. The faculty was augmented by the calling of two new professors. A professor's dwelling was erected. Six young men have graduated, bringing the total of graduates of this young institution up to nine, 4 of whom serving in the German Canada Synod, 4 in the English Synod of Central Canada, and one in the Manitoba Synod. The College Department has been permanently growing both in efficiency and in favor with our churches, and ever more proves an indispensable feeder for the Seminary. A Quadri-Centennial Jubilee Fund is being raised, and although the aim of \$100,000 may not be reached, prospects of realizing at least an amount sufficient to liquidate our entire debt are very bright. The Seminary property represents a value of \$60,000.

Statistics: Ministers, 45; congregations and preaching stations, 80; souls, 24,000; communicant members, 14,600; voting members, 5,350; parochial (Saturday) schools, 30 with 18 teachers (the pastors), and 820 scholars; Sunday-schools, 65, with 605 teachers and 450 scholars; baptisms (in two years), 1,410; adult baptisms, 23; confirmations (in two years), 1,163; deaths (in two years), 625; marriages (in two years), 490; members of Women's Societies, 1,850; members of Y. P. Societies, 1,200.

During the biennium Synod contributed the following amounts to the various causes of Church benevolence: For Synodical work, \$11,855.67; Foreign Missions, \$2,732.85; German Home Missions, \$1,247.00; Seminary in Kropp, \$614.00; Slav Missions, \$193.00; Jewish Mission, \$42.00; various purposes, \$3,980.00; for Congregational purposes, \$145,000. The Invalid Ministers' Fund amounts to \$14,500. Synod supports 8 mission fields in the provinces of Ontario and Quebec, with 22 congregations and preaching stations.

A resolution pledging the Synod's participation in the Thank-Offering for Mission Movement was passed. The proposed union of the three general bodies was endorsed, provided the confessional basis of the General Council be preserved. A committee, to negotiate with the English

Synod of Central Canada in regard to the possibility of amalgamation with that body was appointed.

Officers of Synod: President, Rev. E. Hoffmann, D.D., 213 Carlton St., Toronto, Ont.; Vice-President, Rev. J. Stremper, Elmira, Ont.; Secretary, Rev. H. Henkel, R. R. No. 1, Walkerton, Ont.; Treasurer, Rev. E. Holm, Waterloo, Ont. The next meeting will be held Thursday after Trinity Sunday in St. James' Church, Elmira, Ont., Rev. J. Stremper, pastor.

E. HOFFMANN, *President*.

VII. The Chicago Synod.

The first meeting of Synod in the biennium was held in St. Paul's and Christ Churches of Detroit, Michigan; the second in Holy Trinity Church of Chicago.

In the biennium there were reported 804 infants baptized, 760 were confirmed, 776 were added otherwise to the communicant membership. The number of those entitled to commune reported to the last meeting of Synod was 8,743, a net gain of 110.

The value of church property was \$718,250. Expenditures for local purposes, \$134,724.99; for benevolence, \$41,951.90, a grand total of expenditures for the two years, \$176,676.89. There was a marked increase in all contributions, local and general. For the first time in many years Synod was out of debt.

Synod lost one pastor by death, the Rev. Gustav Walyi, pastor of the First Hungarian Church of Detroit, who lost his life in a railroad accident, March 29, 1916. Five pastors were ordained and eleven were received from other Synods. Eleven were dismissed, leaving a total enrollment of 50.

The Endowment Fund of the Synod for the Weidner Professorship in the Chicago Seminary has reached almost \$32,500. The Seminary also reports five professors who give all of their time. Weidner Institute, also on the territory of Synod, reports the erection of a commodious auditorium and gymnasium.

The Synodical Woman's Missionary Society has been active and prosperous. It contributed \$2,090.49 to various causes of the Church, a gain of \$385.

A standard for Sunday-schools was adopted and a special committee appointed to co-operate in increasing the efficiency of our schools. Synod also arranged for a special committee to co-operate with the Slav and Hungarian Mission Board in the rapidly developing Slav work on the territory of Synod.

The Synod respectfully reports to the General Council the following resolutions adopted:

Resolved, That it is the sense of Synod that the word "Christian" be retained in the ecumenical creeds.

WHEREAS, It appears to this Synod that the hand of God is drawing together those portions of His Church known as the General Synod, the United Synod in the South, and the General Council, and has led them into a true unity of doctrine and feeling, and

WHEREAS, It seems to us, the members of this Synod, in every way desirable that this inner agreement should find expression in complete, organic union.

We, the members of the General Council's Chicago Synod, in convention assembled, embody in these resolutions our sense of gratitude to God for that providence which, as we believe, is uniting these separate members of His Church in one body, and

Looking upon this proposed union as a precious consummation for which we have long hoped and prayed, we pledge ourselves to labor for its accomplishment; and beseech the Holy Spirit to direct our efforts.

We, therefore, urge upon those who have this matter in charge, to proceed toward the organic union of the three bodies, and, if it is practicable, to take at least the first steps in this direction, within this great festal year.

We recommend that this expression of our earnest desire be communicated to the General Council at its next convention by our president, or by some delegate appointed by him.

The next convention of the Chicago Synod will be held June 13, 1918, in Holy Trinity Church, Fort Wayne, Indiana, the Rev. Samuel Waghens, D.D., pastor.

C. L. WARSTLER, *President.*

VIII. The English Synod of the Northwest

The Synod of the Northwest held two Conventions during the past biennium. The meeting in St. John's, Oshkosh, June 20-23, 1916, commemorated the Twenty-Fifth Anniversary of the founding of Synod. When organized in Memorial Church, St. Paul, September 23, 1891, Synod embraced only seven pastors, six congregations and 343 communicant members. The latest Minutes disclose the following statistical information: Number of pastors, 45; congregations, 52; church buildings, 45; parsonages, 8; confirmed membership, 12,372; baptized membership, 21,184; valuation of property, \$878,050.00; total benevolence, \$15,970.38. Synod issued an elaborate and profusely illustrated souvenir, entitled "Historical and Reminiscent Sketches" to commemorate the event in local celebrations. The 1917 meeting was held in St. Mark's, Fargo, N. D., June 5-8.

Healthy progress may be noted along all lines of Synodical activity. Six field missionaries are now laboring on the territory of Synod and seven new parishes have been organized during the biennium. The benevolent spirit of the congregations is increasing and financial methods of raising moneys are improving. All congregations are pledged to an annual Every-Member Canvass, monthly remittances to the Treasurer of Synod and a

two-years' course of catechetical instruction. There has been a decided increase in the number of students studying for the ministry. A new Conference, to be known as the Western Conference, was authorized at the last Convention, and since organized.

Through the initiative of Field Missionary Weiskotten a Mission Lot Extension Fund of several thousand dollars has been established.

Synod's interest in educational matters is shown in its pledge to raise an Endowment Fund of \$50,000.00 for the Chicago Theological Seminary. Of this amount, \$24,435.56 has been secured, and only 50 percent of the congregations have been canvassed.

By the action of Synod at its last meeting the following item is presented to the General Council for action:

Resolved, That the Synod of the Northwest memorialize the General Council to give hearty approval to raising in the Church at large a fund of \$50,000.00 for the thorough establishment of Luther Memorial Church at Madison, Wisconsin, to the end that the University Student Work may be more effectively carried on; and to grant the University Pastor, the Rev. Howard E. Snyder, the privilege of canvassing the churches of the General Council for such fund.

The Church suffered a severe loss in the taking away of the Rev. Frederick E. Cooper, pastor of Lake Park Church, Milwaukee, on Easter Monday, 1917. He was a true leader, one of the strongest men in Synod.

The present officers of Synod are: President, Rev. G. Keller Rubrecht, Milwaukee; Secretary, Rev. L. W. Steckel, Albert Lea, Minn.; Treasurer, Mr. J. K. Jensen, Janesville, Wis.

The next Convention will be held in the new Church of the Redeemer, Milwaukee, Wis., in June, 1918.

G. KELLER RUBRECHT, *President*.

IX. The Manitoba Synod.

During the biennium the Synod of Manitoba and Other Provinces has held one convention, the thirteenth, in St. Paul's Church, at Langenburg, Sask.

The latest minutes give the following statistical information: Number of ministers, 30; congregations, 56; preaching stations, 4; baptized membership, 9,736; confirmed membership, 4,632; week-day schools, 32; scholars, 1,004; Sunday-schools, 37; scholars, 1,276; value of property, \$167,202.00.

During the biennium the Synod contributed to home missions, \$296.55; foreign missions, \$448.75; Ministerial Aid Fund, \$323.66; education (college), \$2,498.50; other benevolent purposes, \$427.70; congregational expenses, \$32,939.00.

The Synod suffered severe loss in the taking away, January 10, 1917, of the Rev. Gottfried Lehmann, one of its faithful co-workers for the last eight years.

The greatest interest at the convention was shown in the status of our college. Its most important needs, students, and means, were widely discussed.

In order to enable the College Board to finish the second story of the college building \$1,200 worth of college bonds were bought by those present at the convention.

To induce gifted young men without means to enter our college it was resolved to use the Inner Mission Fund of the Synod chiefly for their support.

A marked feature of this convention was the great interest shown by the laymen in all church matters. A special meeting of laymen was held during the convention.

The present officers of Synod are: President, Rev. H. Becker, Winnipeg, Man., Secretary; Rev. E. Tuerkheim, Laird, Sask., Treasurer; Mr. K. Weidenhammer, Spruce Grove, Alberta.

H. BECKER, *President*.

X. Pacific Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church.

The Pacific Synod held two Conventions during the biennium, on June 28-July 2, 1916, in Zion Church, The Dalles, Ore., the Rev. W. I. Eck, pastor, and on June 19-24, 1917, in St. James', Portland, Ore., the Rev. Wm. E. Brinkman, pastor.

The statistics as of June 1, 1917, are: Ministers, 20; congregations, 24; baptized members, 3,508; confirmed members, 1,849, of whom 1,568 communed; S. S. pupils, 1,335; value of property, \$266,650, with a debt of \$89,510 upon it; contributed to local expenses, \$24,975.31; to benevolence, \$3,436.20, of which \$1,843.56 was for the Pacific Theological Seminary. Total contributions, \$28,411.51.

The biennium has been marked by an unusual number of pastoral changes, eight in all, and by long vacancies in six of our congregations. Five ministers were received, two of them by ordination—the first fruits for the Synod of our Seminary at Seattle; and three were lost, one by death, one by removal, and one by suspension.

Congregations received, 2, Bethany, Roy, Wash., and University Mission, Seattle. Church erected, 1, at North Yakima, Wash.

During the past year our congregations in general have met their apportionments for benevolence more fully and more promptly than for a long time past. At our recent convention a new item of apportionment was levied for the aid of Seminary students, the appropriation for Home Missions increased 25 per cent per member, and the treasurer of Synod instructed to pay the Home Mission apportionment in regular monthly installments. Total apportionment, \$2.00 per member. The relatively large amount per capita required for the maintenance of our Pacific Seminary, at Seattle, is a factor that has militated against our people's giving

as much as we should like to contribute to some of the other great and worthy causes of the Church.

The plan for the Quadri-Centennial Thank-Offering for Missions has been unanimously endorsed. The proposed union of a number of our general bodies into a United Lutheran Church was enthusiastically approved and the delegates to the General Council were instructed to "use all endeavors to consummate it." And in view of the expected unification it was resolved to confer with the California Synod with the object of having the two Synods co-operate in the control and development of the Theological Seminary.

The territory of the Pacific Synod is for us, whether as General Council or as United Lutheran Church, an almost virgin mission field of vast present possibilities and of yet more vital significance for the future, containing as it does an estimated population of more than half a million un-gathered Lutherans in what is to be the dominant commercial and manufacturing district of the Pacific Coast. We have hitherto fallen far short of making the progress which these facts demand. And before we shall be able effectually to remedy the defect there will have to be supplied at least two great needs that touch the Church in general as well as ourselves. First, we need without delay field missionaries, especially a strong man for the northern conference, to search out and develop the field. Secondly, we need to have the Theological Seminary securely established, properly equipped, and furnished with an adequate faculty, as a recruiting station from which effectively to man the field as it develops. This is a task wholly beyond the present strength of our Synod. Yet it is pre-eminently and imperatively a present task. And as the Seminary is an institution for the benefit of the whole Church no less than of our own section of it, the Pacific Synod solicits in its behalf the hearty interest and the financial assistance of our brethren throughout the Church. Nor do we fear that this so vital a factor in any forward-looking program for the field's possession will fail of such support.

Following is a brief directory of the Synod: Officers: President, Rev. F. W. Bussard; Secretary, Rev. W. I. Eck; Treasurer, Mr. Charles L. Trabert, Esq.; Statistician, Rev. W. R. Kraxberger. Conference presidents, Northern, Rev. M. E. Boulton; Southern, Rev. Emil Meyer. Member of English Home Mission Board, Prof. P. W. H. Frederick, D.D. Traveling Missionary, Rev. T. A. Schoenberg.

F. W. BUSSARD, *President*.

XI. The Synod of New York and New England.

The New York and New England Synod held two meetings since the last convention of the General Council, in the Church of the Holy Trinity, Elmira, June 20-22, 1916, and in the Church of the Redeemer, Buffalo, June 5-7, 1917.

The Synod comprises 57 congregations and 65 pastors. Seventeen young

men are studying for the ministry. The membership is 19,651; value of property, \$2,104,572.18; total congregational expenses, \$314,696.77; and benevolence \$44,233.53, the latter being a 24 percent increase as compared with the preceding biennium.

During the two years great progress has been made in the work among University students. Rev. E. F. Keever, D.D., was the Resident Pastor at Cornell from March to September, 1917, when he was summoned to join his regiment as Chaplain of the First New York Cavalry. During those months he devoted his entire time to this work and demonstrated its need and value. Lutheran services were held every Sunday evening in Barnes Hall, which is the center of the religious activities at the University. The list of those who enjoyed our ministrations numbered 244. Five of these were members of the faculty, 147 were Lutheran young men, 31 were Lutheran young women, 49 were Dutch Reformed students and 12 were residents of Ithaca. The Lutheran students are members of congregations in the various Synods found in different parts of the country.

The organization of this unique body has taken the name of "The Cornell University Lutheran Association." The Governing Board consists of an Executive Committee of five students and an Advisory Committee of one Faculty member, two young men students, two young women students, and two residents of Ithaca. The pastor is a member ex-officio. Mrs. Jessica W. Holton, of Catasauqua, Pa., whose son is at Cornell, has generously offered to pay the rent this year of the Resident Pastor, and later on to consider favorably the purchase of a permanent residence as a gift to the Synod.

Encouraged by the substantial progress at Cornell, the Synod called Rev. Arthur P. Grammes to be Resident Pastor at Harvard University. His duties are: First, to induce as many men as possible at the University to dedicate their lives to the ministry of the Gospel; second, to keep students faithful to their Church while at the College and to develop in them a sense of the need of Christian service to their own Church and to humanity. He took charge of the work on September 9, 1917. In honor of the Quadri-Centennial of the Reformation, the congregation organized at Cambridge, Mass., has chosen as its name, the Church of the Reformation. It is essentially a community Church; every denomination is represented; and it is in one of the finest sections of Cambridge. Lutheran students at Columbia, Yale, Smith and Wellesley have been cared for by the local pastors in university communities.

Sunday-school work received special consideration, and \$500 were appropriated to the Sunday-school Committee which is to select an Executive Secretary who shall be actively in touch with all schools connected with the Synod.

By unanimous vote a Commission of Three was appointed to meet with similar Commissions from the New York Ministerium and the Synod of New York (G. S.) to prepare plans for merging the three Synods into

one organization, and to report their findings to their respective bodies in 1918 at their annual meetings.

The Quadri-Centennial Thank-Offering for Missions was heartily endorsed and every congregation was requested through its delegates to set aside for this purpose all offerings on Oct. 7, 1917.

The officers of Synod are Rev. Franklin F. Fry, D.D., of Rochester, N. Y., President; Rev. Henry C. Erbes, of Rochester, N. Y., Secretary; Mr. Fred. J. Walter, of Kingston, N. Y., Treasurer.

FRANKLIN F. FRY, *President.*

XII. The Synod of Nova Scotia.

During the past biennium this Synod has held two conventions, one in St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Bridgewater, the Rev. Geo. B. Pifer, pastor, June 30 to July 2, 1916; the other in St. Matthew's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Rose Bay, the Rev. D. K. Fetterly, pastor, June 29 to July 1, 1917.

The following statistics, taken from the printed minutes, indicate the work and growth of this body. Number of congregations, 28; number of clerical members, 8; number of communicant members, 3,069; number of Sunday-schools, 16, including 164 officers and teachers, and 1,435 scholars. Money contributed during the biennium: Synodical treasury, \$183.00; benevolence, \$4,302.45; local expenses, \$40,825.72; value of church properties, \$135,000.00.

At the last convention an increased apportionment of 15 percent was laid for benevolent offerings.

We are happy to report that two new churches have been dedicated within the bounds of Synod since the last Convention of the General Council: On January 23, 1916, the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Ascension, Conquerall Mills; July 9, 1916, Resurrection Evangelical Lutheran Church, Halifax.

During the biennium commendable progress has been made in advancing pastors' salaries. All but two of our parishes increased their pastors' salaries from \$100.00 to \$200.00.

This Synod is carrying out plans toward a proper observance of the 400th Anniversary of the Reformation in keeping with the program of the Quadri-Centennial Jubilee Committee of the General Council. A Jubilee Fund of \$3,000.00 will be raised, which will be divided equally between Waterloo Seminary, Halifax Parsonage Fund, and Ministerial Pension Fund.

The officers of Synod are: President, the Rev. Geo. B. Pifer, Bridgewater; Secretary, the Rev. E. B. Smith, Midville; Treasurer, Rev. E. V. Nonamaker, Wentzell's Lake.

GEO. B. PIFER, *President.*

XIII. Synod of Central Canada

Two meetings have been held since the last Convention of the General Council, viz., Unionville, Ont., June 4-6, Rev. N. Willison, pastor; Hamilton, Ont., June 3-5, 1917, Rev. E. Heunergard, pastor.

Statistics: Pastors, 10; Professors, 2; Field Missionary, 1; Congregations, 17; Sunday-schools, Officers and Teachers, 150; Scholars, 1,343; Men's Organizations, 6; Members, 105; Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Societies, 18; members, 387; Luther Leagues, 12; Members, 408; Junior Societies, 5; Members, 117; Value of Property, \$167,130.00. Total membership, baptized, 1,883; confirmed, 1,781.

No new work has been added during the past two years. The Synod has met all the apportionments placed upon it by the General Council.

Officers: President, Rev. J. Maurer, Williamsburg, Ont.; Secretary, Rev. N. Willison, Unionville, Ont.; Treasurer, Mr. C. H. Fierheller, 161 Howland Ave., Toronto, Ont.

JACOB MAURER, *President.*

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SYNODICAL MINUTES AND ABSTRACTS

Your Committee, to which were referred the Minutes of the District Synods for the past biennium, begs leave to report that it has examined all the Minutes submitted by the District Synods, and would bring to the attention of the General Council the following items of information and recommendation:

I. EDUCATIONAL

Pennsylvania. a. For the first time in the history of the Seminary degrees were conferred.

b. A Philadelphia layman, Peter Woll, has begun a "Luther Dank" Endowment Fund for the support of theological students, primarily from the Philadelphia German Conference, then others from the Ministerium.

c. The Education Committee aided thirteen young men in the Seminary.

d. The Fiftieth Anniversary of Muhlenberg College will occur in November.

e. A student pastor has been secured for Lutheran students in non-Lutheran institutions.

New York Ministerium. It is to be noted that Wagner College will be transferred from Rochester, N. Y., to a site on Staten Island near New York City.

Pittsburgh Synod. a. The charter of Thiel College was so changed that other Synods may co-operate with it.

b. Memorializes the General Council to lay an apportionment of \$150,000 on the Synods of the General Council in behalf of University Student work.

We recommend, that this be referred to the Budget Committee.

c. The Synod requests the General Council to consider the problem of providing adequate religious and moral education for the youth of our nation, in this also to secure the co-operation of all organizations which believe that the nation which "forgets God, that nation will God destroy," and that this action is not in the interest of any individual church, but in the interests of all people who believe in God and in Jesus Christ whom He hath sent.

We recommend, that this be referred to the Board of Education.

District Synod of Ohio. a. Of the \$50,000 pledged to the Chicago Seminary over \$32,000 has been secured.

b. Upon invitation of the Pittsburgh Synod this Synod will co-operate in the maintenance of Thiel College.

c. The General Council is memorialized to establish an English Board of Education to aid in the establishing and assist in the maintenance of institutions of Christian education on the territory of the weaker Synods in the West. We recommend that this matter be referred to the present Board of Education.

Augustana. a. A gymnasium has been completed at Augustana College, costing \$65,000.

b. The endowment of Bethany College totals \$200,000.

c. North Star College has liquidated its indebtedness.

d. The Theological Seminary has added a fifth professor.

Canada. The steady growth and development of the college and seminary at Waterloo is to be noted.

Chicago. a. The Endowment Fund for the Weidner Professorship in the Chicago Seminary has reached \$32,000.

b. Weidner Institute has erected an auditorium and gymnasium.

c. A standard for Sunday-schools has been adopted.

Northwest. a. The Synod pledged itself to secure \$50,000 for Chicago Seminary.

b. Synod memorializes the General Council to give hearty approval to raising in the Church at large the sum of \$50,000 for the thorough establishment of Luther Memorial Church of Madison, Wis.

We recommend, that the General Council authorize the Student Work Committee to secure \$50,000 for this work. (Carried.)

Manitoba. The greatest interest in the Synod is the college, and the second story of the building is under process of completion.

New York and New England. A student pastor has been placed at Cornell University, and another at Harvard University.

Pacific. a. A Student Aid Fund has been established at the Theological Seminary.

b. Efforts are being put forth to procure more men for the ministry.

II. MISSIONARY

Pennsylvania. a. A bequest of \$4,345.03 has been received, the income which is to be devoted to Foreign Missions.

b. The Inner Mission activity is increasing.

c. The members of the Women's Missionary Society were granted advisory representation upon all Boards and Committees of the Ministerium to the specific work of which the women are contributors.

New York. Several missions have become self-sustaining.

Augustana. a. The mission work in China is developing satisfactorily. There are 5 mission stations and 11 out-stations with 30 foreign-born missionaries in the working force and 23 Chinese workers.

b. Work will be begun in Africa.

c. A motherhouse and chapel to cost \$120,000 will be erected at the Immanuel Deaconess Institute, Omaha, Neb.

Canada. Under adverse circumstances the missionary activities have gone forward.

Chicago. A special committee to co-operate with the Slav and Hungarian Board has been arranged for.

Northwest. A Mission Lot Extension Fund of several thousand dollars has been established.

Manitoba. The Inner Mission Fund will be used to assist young men studying for the ministry.

Pacific. The Treasurer is authorized to borrow the money necessary to meet their Home Mission apportionment.

III. BENEVOLENCES

Special Quadri-Centennial Funds have been established in practically every Synod and a hearty co-operation in the Thank-Offering has been pledged.

Pennsylvania. a. A Philadelphia layman, Mr. W. F. Monroe, by a generous gift, laid the foundation for a permanent fund for the aid of Pastors' Widows.

b. A secretary for systematic benevolences has been elected.

New York. A Jubilee Fund of \$100,000 is being gathered for Wagner College and Seminary.

Pittsburgh. A Jubilee Fund of \$150,000 is being secured for educational and benevolent work.

Ohio. a. A fund of \$30,000 is being secured to be divided between Church Extension and Pastors and Pastors' Widows. The latter is to be a separate Synodical Fund which can at any time be made a part of a similar fund of the General Council.

b. A marked advance is noted in the increase of pastors' salaries, the erection of new churches and parsonages, and the number of congregations paying their appropriations in full.

Augustana. The ministers have endowed the Ministerial Pension and Aid Fund to the extent of \$110,000, and the laymen have agreed to raise \$500,000 within three or four years.

Chicago. a. An addition costing \$40,000 has been made to the Old People's Home at Chisago City, Minn.

b. For the first time in many years the Synod is out of debt.

Northwest. a. All congregations are pledged to the every-member canvass.

b. Every apportionment has been paid in full.

c. Over \$15,000 is in the Ministerial Pension Fund and Orphans' Fund.

Nova Scotia. A fund of \$3,000 is being secured for Waterloo Seminary, Ministerial Pension Fund, and Halifax Parsonage Fund.

IV. MISCELLANEOUS

Pennsylvania. a. The salaried Presidency is in full operation, and an office is maintained in Philadelphia.

b. A monument to Henry Melchior Muhlenberg has been placed on the Philadelphia Seminary grounds.

c. A committee has been provided to look after the interest of men in the camps and cantonments on the territory of the Synod.

New York. The question of a salaried Presidency has been revived.

Chicago. A plan for the support of a salaried Presidency has been adopted.

Pittsburgh. The following resolution, adopted by the General Synod, is recommended for adoption by the General Council:

"WHEREAS, in their final analysis, the cause of all war, as of all evil, is sin, therefore be it resolved by this body,

"That we petition the President of the United States to ask the government of some neutral country to invite all the Christian nations of the earth, belligerent as well as neutral, to appoint a day of general fasting and prayer, in which the peoples may as one voice confess their sins before the Most High God, beseeching His forgiveness of the same and entreating the King of kings to restore peace to the nations and good will among men."

Manitoba. A marked feature is the interest shown by the laymen in all church matters.

New York and New England. A commission has been appointed to meet with similar commissions from the New York Ministerium, the New York and New England Synod, and the Synod of New York of the General Synod to prepare plans for merging the three Synods into one organization.

Nova Scotia. All but two parishes increased the salaries of their pastors.

Pacific. A serious lack in pastors is noted.

In General. All of the Synods which report action upon the matter have decided that the word "Christian" shall be retained in the Creeds.

A number of the Synods expressed themselves in hearty accord with the movement to merge the three general bodies—General Council, General Synod and United Synod of the South.

H. DOUGLAS SPAETH, *Chairman.*
ERNEST ANTON TRABERT, *Secretary.*

The President appointed as

Committee on Unfinished Business.—The Revs. I. C. Hoffman, S. G. Weiskotten, D.D., W. G. Dressler, D.D., Messrs. George Gravenhorst, Frank E. Garber, L. M. Nelson, Joshua Hasselquist.

Hon. Wm. H. Staake presented both the Trustees' Report and their Treasurer's.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

PHILADELPHIA, October 24, 1917.

The Trustees of the General Council would respectfully report:

That in accordance with the Charter, a meeting of the Trustees was held during the meeting of the General Council, at which time the Trustees organized by the election of: Dr. T. E. Schmauk, President; Hon. Wm. H. Staake, Treasurer, and E. Aug. Miller, Secretary.

That since that meeting there has been only one other meeting of the Trustees held during the biennium, although two other meetings were called, at which no quorum was present. At the meeting held, resolutions were adopted in reference to the settlement of the bequests made to the Trustees for several causes in the Church, by the Rev. John Nicum, D.D., deceased; and also resolutions authorizing the officers to execute necessary papers in order to secure when due a bequest made to the Trustees for the benefit of the Rajahmundry mission by Wm. M. Birely, of Vanceburg, Kentucky.

A legacy of \$5,000 bequeathed by Emma L. Baer, deceased, to the Trustees to be held and used for its ministerial pension fund for aged clergymen, by resolution was paid over to the Treasurer to be held by him intact and separately invested, and the income added to the principal until such time as a ministerial pension fund is established by the General Council, at which time the legacy with all accumulated interest shall be paid over to those having the care and administration of such fund.

In view of present conditions concerning merger, as well as the existence of a committee to revise the constitution of the General Council, the Trustees deemed it inadvisable to make application for any change in the charter at the present time, and in view of this fact it will be necessary to elect nine Trustees to succeed the present Trustees, whose terms of office shall be for two years.

The Trustees deem it advisable to call the attention of the Council to the fact that while theoretically it is highly desirable, as a matter of practical convenience it is unwise that the Trustees elected who represent and are the corporation of the General Council should live at long distance from each other. Three of the present Trustees are located west of Pitts-

burgh, and as five are necessary to make a quorum it is very difficult to secure a quorum. We would therefore suggest to the Council the wisdom of making the Trustees as nearly local in residence as possible.

The report of the Treasurer is hereto attached.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

E. AUG. MILLER, *Secretary*.

Report of the Treasurer of the Trustees.

Biennial Report of William H. Staake, Treasurer of the Board of Trustees of the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America.

MINISTERIAL PENSION FUND FOR AGED CLERGYMEN.

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PRINCIPAL ACCOUNT

1917

April 17.	To cash received from Executor of the Estate of Mary L. Baer, deceased, legacy of \$5,000, less collateral inheritance tax	\$4,750 00
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Oct. 9.	Invested in Second Liberty Bonds, 4 per cent.....	\$4,750 00
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INCOME ACCOUNT

1916

February 28.	To cash, interest on deposit	\$ 2 41
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1917

August 31.	To cash, interest on \$4,740.00	37 04
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Note.—The Account filed October 4th, 1915, duly certified by E. Augustus Miller, Esq., evidenced the disposition of all other moneys and securities held by the Treasurer, by payment and delivery to the Treasurer of the Foreign Mission Board.

WILLIAM H. STAAKE, *Treasurer*.

These reports were adopted as a whole. It was also

Resolved, That the action of the Trustees in not applying for a change of Charter be approved.

That the reference to the location of members be referred to the Nominating Committee.

On motion of Dr. John Haas, it was, by a rising vote,

Resolved, That we send E. Augustus Miller, Esq., an expression of our sympathy with him in his present disability, praying that he may be speedily and fully restored to health and vigor.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. H. E. Jacobs, it was *Resolved*, That the Program for the Fiftieth Anniversary, as printed, be adopted.

The final report was rendered on Thursday morning.

Through the Rev. Mr. Gold the Quadri-Centennial Committee presented a partial report.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON QUADRI-CENTENNIAL THANK-OFFERING FOR MISSIONS

The report of the Committee on Jubilee Fund, made at the last meeting of the General Council, recommended among other things that a Quadri-Centennial Celebration Fund should be raised "by the several mission, church extension, and educational boards of the General Council"; that such a movement be co-operative and that the boards joining in the movement should submit the details of their plan for approval by the Jubilee Fund Committee of the General Council. (Minutes 1915, page 211).

Nothing was done toward carrying out the provisions of these resolutions until November, 1916. The Board of Church Extension, having appointed a committee to suggest a plan by which the Quadri-Centennial celebration could best yield a good increase to the Church Extension Fund, this committee, with the approval of the President of the General Council, called a meeting of the representatives of all the boards to consider how best to carry out the spirit and letter of the resolutions of the General Council. This meeting was attended by representatives of the following boards: English Home Missions, Church Extension, Foreign Missions, Slav Missions, Porto Rico Missions, The Inner Mission Committee of the General Council, and the Jubilee Fund Committee. They resolved to appoint a committee of five to draft a plan in detail and report later.

This committee of five made a report which was accepted in its details, and later other details were added.

After several meetings of the original committee it was resolved to request the President of the General Council to call a meeting of the presidents of synods to take the whole matter of the proposed fund into consideration.

The President of the General Council called a meeting of the presidents in Pittsburgh on February 8th and the general plan of the committee was approved with several suggested changes in some of the details.

The representatives of the various boards were constituted a Special Committee on Quadri-Centennial Thank-Offering for Missions, and the committee thus authorized was composed of the following brethren: The Rev. George W. Sandt, D.D., Chairman, the Rev. George Drach, Secretary; the Revs. J. C. Kunzmann, D.D., C. L. Fry, D.D., Paul Ludwig, B. F. Hankey, A. L. Ramer, Ph.D., T. W. Kretchman, Ph.D., J. F. Ohl, Mus.D., Messrs. James M. Snyder, and William H. Hager. This Com-

mittee requested the Home Mission Board to loan the services of its Field Missionary, the Rev. C. K. Fegley, to act as Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the movement. A Sub-committee on Ways and Means was appointed, consisting of Dr. Kunzmann, Secretary Drach, and Executive Secretary Fegley.

The following plan was determined and was submitted in detail to the presidents of the synods of the General Council through President Schmauk:

PLAN OF THE QUADRI-CENTENNIAL THANK-OFFERING FOR MISSIONS

The following Mission Causes of the General Council have co-operated in preparing the plan and will share in the results obtained:

Foreign Missions, English Home Missions, German Home Missions, Jewish Missions, Inner Missions, Church Extension, Porto Rico-Latin American Missions, Slav-Hungarian Missions.

In addition to the above the plan would provide that the General Council shall have the use of 10 percent of the total amount raised to establish "a Memorial Fund to commemorate the 400th anniversary of the foundation of Protestantism and of the Lutheran Church, and the 50th anniversary of the General Council." This is a substitute for Recommendation 5 on page 211, Minutes of 1915.

The basis of division of the Fund to the several participating Boards shall be the ratio of apportionments in the budget of 1915-1917, page 217, Minutes of 1915. The several Boards have agreed to share with the Church Extension Society, according to the original resolution, on the basis of its approximate income for the last biennium.

The effort shall be concentrated upon Sunday, October 7, 1917, to be known as "THANK-OFFERING SUNDAY"; and all effort to solicit funds shall cease with the close of the month of October, 1917.

The method to be used shall be "THE ONE DAY'S INCOME PLAN," and stress shall be laid upon every member's participation by a gift, rather than upon any definite amount. The tentative goal, however, is to be \$400,000, as representing a thank-offering of \$100,000 for each century of Reformation history.

There shall be no creation of new machinery, but the movement is to be characterized by its use of the existing organizations of our Church. Pastors will be asked to lend aid in ways that will call for the minimum of extra effort. No local canvass for funds will be asked for by the Committee.

It is hoped to keep the expense of the movement to between one and two percent of the total raised.

The plan was submitted also to the members of the Jubilee Fund Committee of the General Council through Mr. William H. Hager, Chairman. It met with their approval.

On the basis of division adopted the following percentages were to be received by the various boards:

Foreign Missions	30%	Jewish Missions	1%
English Home Missions	27%	Inner Missions	4%
German Home Missions	8%	Church Extension	8%
Porto Rico-Latin American Missions	6%		
Slav-Hungarian Missions	6%		
General Council Memorial Fund	10%		

After the presidents had approved of the plan in its details the endorsements of the synods of the General Council were sought and the following synods agreed to co-operate in full according to the plan of the Committee: Ministerium of Pennsylvania, New York and New England, Chicago, Northwest, Pacific, Manitoba, Canada, Central Canada, Nova Scotia, Texas. The Pittsburgh Synod, having a similar synodical movement inaugurated, agreed to co-operate to the extent of appropriating about 16% of its \$150,000 fund to the Thank-Offering for Missions. The District Synod of Ohio also had a movement inaugurated, but agreed to urge its congregations to keep Thank-Offering Sunday and to devote one-half of the receipts from the offerings of that day to the General Council Thank-Offering for Missions. The Augustana Synod adopted the plan and applied it to a synodical movement with the provision that 14½% of the amount raised by the synod should be given for the General Council Foreign Mission Work in India; 6% to the Porto Rico Missions, 6% to the Slav Missions, 1% to the Jewish Missions and that 4% should be given to the General Council Committee on Religious Work in State Universities. The Ministerium of New York was unable to see its way clear to give official endorsement to the movement.

Following the endorsement by the synods the active campaign was begun and it has kept the Executive Secretary and the Ways and Means Committee busy throughout the entire summer. The co-operation of the pastors was sought through circular letters and follow-up cards and the committee takes pleasure in reporting that 75% of the pastors from whom co-operation could have been expected have responded to our appeals most cordially and enthusiastically.

A campaign of education through the distribution of literature took place principally during the month of September. The campaign through articles and advertisements in the Church papers extended over the entire summer. This portion of the campaign closed with a final letter to the pastors and a folder of suggestions for the observance of Thank-Offering Sunday. In the matter of the observance of October 7th as Thank-Offering Sunday, it is a very encouraging evidence of the growing spirit of loyalty and the sense of unity on the part of our brethren that at least 70% of the co-operating congregations have observed the appointed day.

In the financial management of the campaign the Sub-committee on

Ways and Means was successful in securing a liberal credit from one of the Philadelphia banks, and was aided in meeting current expenses by liberal loans from the treasuries of the following boards: Foreign Missions, Porto Rico Missions, Slav Missions, Church Extension, Jewish Missions. These loans will be paid as soon as the funds are in hand. The General Council Publication House has made a most valuable contribution to the more easy financing of the campaign by handling the larger proportion of the Committee's printing and mailing expenses without requiring immediate settlement. The courtesies in the way of space granted by the various official papers of the General Council and the district synods are worthy of mention also.

The Committee cannot refrain from calling attention to the fact that this is the first time in the history of the General Council that all its mission boards co-operated in presenting the mission claim of the Church in its entirety. We would point out also there has never been any other movement in which the entire membership of the General Council was so widely interested and we would desire to express our conviction that nothing which the General Council has ever attempted has enjoyed Divine favor in the degree in which the Thank-Offering for Missions has been blessed most evidently. At the time of the writing of this report the complete success of the undertaking seems assured.

In submitting the foregoing report for the consideration of the General Council we would ask respectfully that opportunity be given for a supplementary statement. We have reason to believe that by the time this report comes before the General Council for consideration it will be possible for us to make a fairly detailed report of the financial operations of the campaign since the remittances of gifts to the fund will begin immediately following the observance of Thank-Offering Sunday.

For The Committee on Quadri-Centennial Thank-Offering for Missions,
By CHAS. K. FEGLEY, *Executive Secretary*.

After the Lord's Prayer, led by the Rev. C. J. Petri, D.D., of Minneapolis, the Convention adjourned.

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION

Thursday, October 25, 1917, 9 A. M.

The Second Session was opened by Chaplain Fry with the hymn, "Jesus Shall Reign," the reading of Ephesians iii and prayer.

The Secretary called the Roll of Delegates. The Wednesday afternoon Minutes were read and approved.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the General Council extend to the Hon. John Wana-maker, who was to have addressed us at the Civic Welcome, our sympathy in view of the detaining accident.

The Rev. Prof. M. Reu, D.D., President of Wartburg Theological Seminary, and Official Visitor from the German Iowa Synod, was welcomed. He delivered his official address, which was responded to by the President.

CONSIDERATION OF LUTHERAN UNITY

Upon the platform were assembled the three Commissions from the General Synod, United Synod South, and General Council, the Committee on United Church Constitution, and others. The two former Commissions are recorded in the First Session. The General Council Commission present consisted of the Revs. Drs. H. A. Weller, L. G. Abrahamson, W. D. C. Keiter, W. K. Frick, G. F. Gehr, and Mr. M. L. Deck. The Committee on United Church Constitution consisted of Drs. T. E. Schmauk, J. A. Singmaster, H. E. Jacobs, E. K. Bell, D. H. Bauslin, Dr. J. B. Scherer, and others.

Luther's hymn, "Lord, Keep us Steadfast in Thy Word," was sung, Psalm 46 was read, and prayer was offered by the Rev. Dr. H. E. Jacobs.

The Rev. Dr. Weller presented the

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON QUADRI-CENTENNIAL OF THE REFORMATION

At its meeting in Toledo, Ohio, in 1913, the General Council appointed a committee on "Quadri-Centennial of the Lutheran Church," with in-

structions found on page 22 of the Minutes of that convention. This committee reported to the General Council at its meeting in Rock Island, September, 1915, an account of which is found on page 203 of the Minutes of that convention.

On September 1, 1914, a meeting of this committee, together with similar committees of the General Synod and the United Synod in the South, was held at Atlantic City, at which time a temporary organization was effected. A second meeting was held January 29, 1915, at Pittsburgh, at which the above named Synods were represented and in addition, the Rev. Dr. F. Richter represented the Iowa Synod and Dr. C. H. L. Schuette, the Joint Synod of Ohio. Subsequent meetings were held in Philadelphia on May 10th, and again in the same city on November 30, 1915.

At the time of the meeting in Rock Island, the general plans and programs for celebration had been sufficiently developed, so that a report could be made. (Page 204, Minutes of 1915 Convention.)

PROGRAM

This program was approved with certain recommendations (page 206). The committee representing the three bodies, the General Synod, the General Council and the United Synod in the South, together with representatives of other Synods, organized themselves into the Joint Lutheran Committee on Celebration of the Quadri-Centennial of the Reformation: Chairman, Dr. T. E. Schmauk; Secretary, Dr. J. A. Morehead; Treasurer, Hon. J. L. Zimmerman; these officers, together with the following, constituted the Executive Committee: Dr. V. C. A. Tressler, Dr. M. G. G. Scherer, Dr. G. A. Andreen, Dr. J. A. Singmaster, Dr. F. Richter, Dr. C. H. L. Schuette, Rev. S. W. Herman, Dr. N. R. Melhorn, Mr. E. Clarence Miller. The following sub-committees were appointed: Literature and Publicity, Dr. Melhorn, Chairman; Program and Public Meetings, Rev. Herman, Chairman; Medals, Dr. Jeremiah Zimmerman, Chairman; Finance, Mr. Miller, Chairman. Later a Committee on Music was added, Dr. Luther D. Reed, Chairman.

At the meeting in Philadelphia, November 30, 1915, a resolution was passed authorizing the Committee on Finance to establish a central office in Philadelphia and secure an Executive Secretary, action being subject to the approval of the Executive Committee.

Rev. Howard R. Gold was called as Executive Secretary, and began his duties on February 1, 1916. Offices were opened in the Hornor Building, 925 Chestnut St., Rooms No. 507-508. The program as outlined and approved by the General Council at its meeting in Rock Island was carried out with such modifications as became necessary as the work developed. Meetings of the Sub-Committee were held as the work required, and meetings of the Executive Committee were held at intervals. One meeting of the full Committee, comprising the Committees appointed by the three separate bodies, was held during this time, April 18, 1917.

COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

The Committee on Literature co-operated with the synodical papers of the General Council, the General Synod, the United Synod in the South, and the Joint Synod of Ohio, in increasing their subscription lists in view of the anniversary.

Beginning early in the anniversary year, a series of articles by Lutheran scholars was written and served to all the Lutheran Church papers. These articles had a very wide publication. Numerous pamphlets, tracts, booklets, etc., were produced or endorsed and offered to the church. The number sent out through the office has gone well beyond the million mark.

A number of books were endorsed. A study book was written at the suggestion of the Committee by the Rev. C. P. Harry. This book, "Protest and Progress," ran through the first edition of 3,000 in three months. A second edition of like number is just off the press. It has proven to be a most effective help in the celebration.

Much attention has been given to publicity, and, in spite of the war which claims so large a part of newspaper attention, considerable publicity has been secured. Daily papers, weeklies, both religious and secular, and magazines have been interested and many discriminating articles published.

The *Committee on Public Meetings and Program* sent out a folder to all Lutheran pastors urging them not only to celebrate in their own congregations but to unite with other Lutherans of their community for a general observance. The community celebration has been the most helpful feature in bringing into working co-operation representatives of the several Lutheran bodies in the same centers. One hundred and thirty community committees were in almost constant touch with the office during the earlier part of the celebration year. Much assistance has been given these community committees as well as pastors by the direction of the Public Meetings Committee. Standard programs, postcards, banners, pennants, badges, etc., have been produced in large variety and furnished to all parts of the United States and Canada. The *Luther Stamp* alone sold to the number of nearly one million.

The *Committee of Medals* produced a souvenir which has received the praise of numismatists. Many thousands have been sold. The medal was struck in two sizes, $2\frac{3}{4}$ inches in diameter and $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches in diameter. It was made in government bronze, rose gold, and copper. A *Pocket Coin* for popular use has been struck. Nearly 60,000 have been distributed, most of them being given by Sunday-schools to their pupils as a memento.

The *Committee on Music* produced a Reformation cantata, "*The City of God*." More than 1,000 copies of this cantata have already been sold and it will undoubtedly be one of the standard church cantatas for years to come. Three prize anthems were also produced, of which more than 4,000 copies have been sold. In addition to this, wide publicity has been

given to other cantatas and anthems ; especially to two other anthems composed for the celebration of this anniversary.

The *Committee on Finance* made provision for carrying on the work of the Committee as appeared to be necessary from month to month. If it had not been for this continuous support, the work of the Committee would have been greatly embarrassed and the celebration undoubtedly would not have attained the measure of success that is evident. A copy of the report of the Finance Committee, with resolution, is attached herewith.

THE WAR

As the great war came closer to our own country, suggestions came from several sources that the celebration should be postponed. However, the sentiment prevailed that this being a religious celebration, it could not be abandoned, because it was just this kind of a religious festival, begun and conducted with great earnestness, that would serve as a steady influence in our American life during this time of great stress and strain. The Committee was constantly alive to the necessities of the times, and representing three of the foremost Lutheran bodies, it felt itself in a position to take the initiative on several occasions.

Within a week after the declaration of a state of war by our Government, a proclamation of loyalty and support was sent out by the Presidents of the General Synod, the General Council, and the United Synod of the South ; a copy of which was forwarded to President Wilson. The proclamation follows :

To the Lutheran Church in America.

"WHEREAS, The Government of the United States has declared that our beloved country is in a state of war, and it becomes the duty of all citizens to give the authorities their most earnest support, we, the Presidents of the three General Lutheran Bodies in America, viz., the General Synod of the Lutheran Church in America, the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America, and the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South, do hereby call upon and request the members of these bodies, now, as they ever have done, to affirm and approve by word and act, their loyalty to the President and Congress of the United States ; and we further recommend to the congregations in our cities and towns that they form American Red Cross chapters in their respective communities for the amelioration of the lot of our brave soldiers in the field and our sailors, and that they offer up prayers that the war may end with honor to our country and in an early and perpetual peace."

(Signed)

THEODORE E. SCHMAUK,
J. A. SINGMASTER,
M. G. SCHERER.

ITEMIZED EXPENSES OF THE JOINT LUTHERAN COMMITTEE FROM FEBRUARY
15TH, 1916, TO SEPTEMBER 30TH, 1917.

Publicity	\$ 769 09
Office Supplies	869 12
Rent	1,140 00
Salaries	6,202 87
Telephone and Wire	199 76
Postage	415 03
Stationery and Printing	367 41
Literature Committee	506 62
Public Meeting Committee	99 45
Medals Committee	26 74
Executive Committee	842 54
Finance Committee	292 54
Teachers' Bureau	1 08
General Expenses	159 35
Music Committee	373 69
Total	\$12,265 29

We recommend,

1. That, in view of a resolution bearing on this matter passed by the Executive Committee of the Joint Committee on Celebration, namely, "That the Joint Committee through its Executive Committee request the three general bodies co-operating to lay an apportionment or otherwise provide for the payment of its part of the deficit," and of similar action by the General Synod, we request the General Council to provide \$3,000 to meet the obligations incurred by the Joint Committee.

2. That, the committee be continued for another year for the purpose of work of conservation.

THE COMMITTEE.

After referring the first resolution to the Budget Committee, the report was adopted as a whole.

The Rev. Dr. Keiter presented the

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ARBITRATION AND PRACTICAL CO-OPERATION

In a sense, it is a matter of profound gratification that your Committee on Arbitration and co-operation with other Lutheran Bodies is enabled to report at this time that since the last Convention of the General Council, no occasion arose between our general bodies which demanded a formal sitting of this Commission. Notwithstanding this apparent inactivity the aims and purposes for which the Committee was originally created, namely to promote closer fraternal co-operation and

for the consummation of which your Committee labored for many years, have not been neglected. Great forward strides have been made along these lines during the past biennium, and many movements have contributed to bringing nearer the desired result.

Under the ever increasing desire for a larger measure of co-operation in promoting the work of the Lutheran Church, and due to the growing influence of a better understanding of each other's positions, and a deeper appreciation of each other's motives, points of difference and contention have gradually eliminated themselves, or have shrunk into insignificance under the dawning conviction that a union on the basis of a common faith and a common purpose was not impossible.

In addition to this, a growing realization of the great mission which our Lutheran Church has in this country, of the important part which our Lutheran Faith is destined to play in the American life and civilization of the future, and the conviction that our own inner problems could only be solved through a united effort of those who cherish a common faith and uphold a common cause, has surely, perhaps providentially, smoothed the way until today the three great general bodies stand face to face with that bright hope which like another Star of Bethlehem is to lead them, not only wise men of the East, but wise men of the East and West, North and South, unto the United Lutheran Church in America.

It is therefore with a sense of profound gratitude to Almighty God that your Committee reports that from its viewpoint much of the work which it was destined to perform has virtually been accomplished, and that through the Divine Spirit working unseen in the hearts of men, the day of a closer fraternal co-operation has actually dawned upon our beloved Church, and that, too, without sacrifice of any vital conviction or the yielding up of a single fundamental principal for which the General Council has ever stood.

Probably no feature in this notable Quadri-Centennial year stands out so prominently or is so pregnant with great possibilities for good as the project which contemplates a union in spirit as well as in external organization of the three great Bodies which mutually confess one Lord, one faith, one Baptism and one hope of their calling.

We note with particular pleasure the gratifying results which perhaps by way of anticipation are already growing out of this contemplated union. Not the least among these are a rapidly growing Lutheran consciousness, a deeper appreciation of our Lutheran heritage, a firmer determination to work out together the problems which confront our Church in this country, a fearless facing of the responsibilities thrust upon us by reason of the present world crisis, and a fuller realization of the mightier power within us effectually to do our part in fighting the forces of evil arrayed against the people and the Kingdom of our Blessed Lord.

In presenting this report, we deem it our privilege to call attention to the action of the General Synod and the United Synod of the South whereby each of these Bodies in harmony with a resolution adopted by

the General Council at its Convention in 1915 are each sending to this meeting a commission in the interest of and for the purpose of fostering in this Quadri-Centennial year that closer union whose ultimate aim and object are now very definitely set forth in the report of the Committee appointed to draw up a Constitution for a United Lutheran Church in America. Therefore we recommend the following:

Resolved, That we express our sincere pleasure at the fraternal action of the General Synod and the United Synod of the South regarding the matter of fraternal commissions, and most heartily welcome the several delegations of Brethren to this Convention of the General Council.

In view of the efforts which have been made during the past year looking to the immediate unification of the three General Bodies of our Church, the General Synod, the United Synod in the South, and the General Council, with an ultimate purpose of bringing about a union of all our denominational forces in this country, we, the Committee on Fraternal Co-operation, deeply interested in the successful consummation of the undertaking, would respectfully recommend the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That this General Council hereby heartily endorses the action of the President of the General Council in appointing a committee to co-operate with similar committees of the General Synod and of the United Synod in the South in the preparation of a basis of union for our Lutheran forces in this country.

2. *Resolved*, That we express the hope that the result of this special committee's work will meet with the hearty endorsement of this General Council and of all the Synods connected with it.

3. *Resolved*, That we hereby express our sincere gratitude to the great Head of the Church for the gracious guidance which has been vouchsafed to the labors of the Committee, and pray that the Divine Blessing may direct us in our endeavor to bring about such unity of our beloved Church as will redound to the greater glory of God and to the extension and upbuilding of Christ's Kingdom.

Presented in behalf of the Committee,

H. A. WELLER, *Secretary*.

W. D. C. KEITER, *Chairman*.

The report with its four Resolutions was adopted unanimously.

President Schmauk presented the

REPORT OF QUADRI-CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE OF PRESIDENTS ON CONSTITUTION OF UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

This has been a year of exhilarating activity and wonderful awakening in the matter of Reformation faith, life, and progress. The forward movement of a great historic faith is upon us. The present activities of the Quadri-Centennial movement are patent to us all. The culmination of them, the real achievement of the whole celebration, is the plan of Luth-

eran unification now to be presented to this body, and which had its birth at a meeting of the Joint Quadri-Centennial Committee of the Lutheran Church in Philadelphia last May, which project of beneficent hope, placed in the hands of your committee for development and furtherance, has surmounted almost innumerable obstacles up to this point, and which is now and here to be discussed, and, please God, adopted by this body.

The prayer of your Committee is that God may this day heal the wounds in His body, the Church.

T. E. SCHMAUK, For General Council.

J. A. SINGMASTER, For General Synod.

M. G. G. SCHERER, For United Synod South.

The report was adopted.

The Rev. Dr. Frick presented the

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LUTHERAN UNITY

Your Committee would report that Commissions have been appointed by the General Synod and the United Synod in the South to urge the unity of the three general bodies. Similar commissions have been appointed by the General Council, one of which met with the General Synod at Chicago in June, and the other will meet with the United Synod in the South at Salisbury, N. C., in November.

There have been many committees involving co-operation between these bodies, which have been in existence for a long time, and thus preparing the way for that which now seems about to come to pass, but the first definite steps were the appointment of these Commissions.

We express pleasure that the movement has gone on so rapidly and that so much has been done beyond our anticipation.

As Presidents of the various Synods, and Officers of the General Council, we heartily endorse the movement.

Respectfully submitted,

T. E. SCHMAUK,
W. K. FRICK,
G. FRANKLIN GEHR,
E. HOFFMANN,
L. G. ABRAHAMSON,
F. A. KAEHLER,
H. OFFERMANN,

G. C. BERKEMEIER,
FRED. H. BOSCH,
G. KELLER RUBRECHT,
C. L. WARSTLER,
H. A. WELLER,
E. F. RITTER,
FRANKLIN F. FRY,

J. MAURER.

The report was adopted.

The Rev. Dr. Weller presented the

REPORT OF THE COMMISSION TO VISIT THE GENERAL SYNOD

To the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America.

Your Commissioners, appointed by the President of the General Council in consonance with the resolution of 1915 (Minutes, p. 209), visited the convention of the General Synod of the Ev. Lutheran Church in America, held in Chicago, Ill., in June, 1917.

The reception which was accorded them was marked by a fraternity of feeling which is possible to exist only where men of the same faith and the same household meet together. Nor was this feeling confined to individuals; it was evident on all sides, so that your Commissioners knew they were not in the house of the stranger, but at home.

It seems to have been providential in a leading toward unity that, at the Convention of the General Council in Rock Island, Ill., in 1915, it was resolved to appoint a Commission instead of a single fraternal visitor to the General Synod and the United Synod in the South. Whatever may have prompted the larger anticipation in 1915, it has been fully justified by the events which have transpired since April, 1917, when the proposition for a merger of the General Synod, the General Council, and the United Synod in the South took tangible form in a resolution of the Quadri-Centennial Celebration Committee, which resulted in the appointment of committees from the three Bodies who should act conjointly to formulate a Constitution under which the three General Bodies could merge in the United Lutheran Church in America.

The results of the work of this Committee were reported to the General Synod, as the first of the three Bodies to meet, after their promulgation. Copies of the report of the Joint Committee on the proposed Constitution were in the hands of all the delegates to the General Synod, as well as of your Commissioners; and the spirit prevailing on the floor of the General Synod showed that there was a realization on the part of the Church of the greater problems which Lutheranism will have to face in America: also a spirit as if there had been an outpouring of Divine benediction upon the work of the Joint Committee on the Constitution. It was not an infectious spirit of emotionalism; but a convincing spirit of devotion, consideration, and seriousness.

It was the privilege of your Commission to participate in the preliminaries to the action of the General Synod, when it voted unanimously to "approve the proposed Constitution of the United Lutheran Church in America, to authorize and direct its submission to the District Synods, and to most heartily recommend its adoption."

After the unanimity displayed in this vital action of the General Synod, your Commissioners were impressed with a conviction that the whole Church, as now represented in the three Bodies proposing union, felt that

the time had come to arise, on the Confessional foundation now attained, to a realization of the problem of the future, with a united purpose, resting on the same foundation identically expressed in a statement of doctrinal basis which must appeal to every heart that recognizes the Apostolic Principles upon which the great Reformation was evolved.

In all its actions subsequent to the adoption and approval of the proposed Constitution for the United Lutheran Church in America, the General Synod evinced a resolution to do more than approve and wait for the adoption by District Synods of said Constitution, in that all its acts and resolutions were framed and adopted as with a conviction that the merger was already practically effected.

We submit to the General Council, that we were profoundly thankful to have been permitted to participate in a step as portentous as that which now takes its stride into the convention of the General Council itself, where we feel assured that the earnest spirit which pervaded the convention of the General Synod in Chicago is present in no less measure, and will lead, under Divine guidance, to no less serious consideration.

In this report we have not attempted to bring you a roster of statistics and conditions as they exist in the General Synod; for their problems seem to be as are our own problems; and the President of the General Council in his report has practically embodied the exact resolutions passed by the General Synod. We have attempted, on the other hand, to open to your vision the spirit and the conviction and the earnestness which is noticeably prevalent in the Lutheran Church of America today, awaking to her privileges and her calling.

Respectfully submitted,

H. A. WELLER,

W. K. FRICK,

W. D. C. KEITER,

M. L. DECK.

L. G. ABRAHAMSON,

G. F. GEHR,

A. G. ANDERSON,

Philadelphia, Pa.,

October 23, 1917.

The report was unanimously adopted.

REPORT OF THE OFFICIAL VISITOR TO THE UNITED SYNOD OF THE SOUTH

The United Synod of the Lutheran Church in the South met for its fifteenth Biennial Convention in St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Wilmington, N. C., November 9-13, 1916. The undersigned was appointed to represent the General Council at this meeting.

Your delegate was very cordially received by the President, Rev. M. G. G. Scherer, D.D., and had an opportunity to speak to the United Synod South. Not only have a large number of men who have been in the North been working in this Synod, but your representative was born,

baptized, catechised and confirmed in one of its district Synods, the South Carolina Synod, and it seemed like home.

In accordance with the instructions given by the President of the General Council, your representative touched upon those matters in which there was already strong mutual sympathy and hearty co-operation,—Foreign Missions, Sunday-school Literature, a Common Liturgy, and especially the work of preparing for the Four Hundredth Anniversary of the Protestant Reformation. He also set earnestly to cement the ties already existing, and to further our common work.

He found in the whole Synod every evidence of confidence and esteem for the General Council, and a consciousness of our essential oneness.

The Synod has been doing the most efficient work both in this country and abroad, and has been forging forward in the whole South in her educational and institutional work, as well as in the planting of churches and works of mercy.

The Synod set a time about October 31, 1917, as a time for a special meeting of the United Synod to take action with a view to closer co-operation and union with other American Lutheran Bodies. This meeting is to be held at Salisbury, N. C., after this meeting of the General Council.

At this meeting of the Council a delegation of seven men from the United Synod is to appear, to cement the ties that bind us together. The Chairman of this delegation, Rev. M. G. G. Scherer, D.D., is the President of the Synod, and the elected Official Visitor of the United Synod to our Body, Rev. L. A. Fox, D.D., is the alternate.

The other members of the delegation are:

Principals.

Rev. F. B. Clausen.
Rev. J. C. Seegers, D.D.
Rev. Edw. Fulenwider.
Rev. H. N. Miller, Ph.D.
Mr. J. H. Marsteller.
Mr. J. E. Cooper

Alternates.

Rev. J. W. Horine, D.D.
Rev. W. Hoppe, D.D.
Rev. E. C. Cronk, D.D.
Mr. P. C. Price.
Mr. Geo. Heyer.
Mr. John A. Cline.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM M. HORN.

The report was adopted.

The hymn, "Thou Whose Almighty Word," was sung.

Addresses followed from Drs. Tressler, Scherer, Reu, Singmaster, Weller. Hon. John L. Zimmerman, Mr. E. Clarence Miller and Drs. Jacobs, Bauslin and John Haas.

The position of the Augustana Synod being called for, addresses were made by Drs. C. J. Petri, L. G. Abrahamson, F. Jacobson, the Rev. C. E. Frisk and Prof. Ryden.

After prayer by the Rev. Prof. Jacob Fry, D.D., LL.D., of Mt. Airy, the Convention adjourned.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Thursday, October 25, 2:30 P. M.

The Third Session was opened with devotional services led by the Rev. John A. Weyl. The hymn "Jesus Shall Reign" was sung.

The Commissions on Unity again occupied the platform. Further addresses were delivered by the Rev. Drs. Offermann, Morehead, Seegers, Bell, Berkemeier, Singmaster, Larimer, Weller, Hon. John L. Zimmerman and Mr. E. Clarence Miller.

On motion of Dr. Trabert, it was

Resolved, That we first act on the Atlantic City Committee's Report and then on the resolutions appended to the President's Report.

The Rev. Dr. Weller presented the

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL'S CONSTITUTION

The President of the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America.

Your Committee on Revision of the Constitution begs leave to report:

For the performance of the duty assigned to it your committee met at Atlantic City, N. J., July 5-7, 1917, where, considering the status of the question referred in the light of recent developments within the Lutheran Church in America, it was

Resolved, That, in view of the plan recently proposed for the organization of the United Lutheran Church in America, developed with the official co-operation of the Presidents of the General Synod, the General Council and the United Synod in the South, this committee deems it inadvisable at this time to report upon a revision of the General Council Constitution as such; but, having carefully compared the Constitution drafted by the joint committee of the three bodies named, and recommended by them as a Constitution for the United Lutheran Church in America with the Constitution of the General Council, and finding nothing in the proposed Constitution in conflict with the fundamental principles of faith and polity of the General Council, heartily recommends the proposed plan of the United Lutheran Church in America and the proposed Constitution, with several resolutions hereto appended, to the favorable consideration and action of the General Council.

The several resolutions to be appended were acted upon in order as follows:

First.—An amendment proposed by the General Synod at its session in Chicago, Ill., on June 22, 1917, to ARTICLE V, Section 1, of the report of the joint committee of the three bodies, to be inserted after the words "One ministerial and one lay delegate," viz., "and provided further that the delegates elected by the Synods to the last Conventions of the General Bodies to which they respectively belong held prior to the first convention hereunder, shall be and they are in the adoption hereof chosen by their respective Synods as their duly elected delegates to said first convention hereunder, irrespective of the basis of representation upon which they were chosen," was approved by your committee.

Second.—Your committee resolved that, holding, as we do, that the confessional basis of the United Lutheran Church in America is a statement of fundamental and unalterable Scriptural truth, and in conformity with the present Constitution of each of the three General Bodies that are uniting in the new organization, we request them to unite with us in adding to ARTICLE XV, Section 2, the words, "provided always that said amendment be in harmony with the doctrinal basis, as set forth in ARTICLE II."

Third.—It is recommended that, in the consideration and adoption of the proposed Constitution of the United Lutheran Church in America, the General Council understands that "nothing in ARTICLE VIII, Section 7, shall be construed so as to prevent or limit the publication and recommendation of such books by any Synod of national scope and character now in connection with the General Council, which, at the time of entrance into the United Lutheran Church in America, has its separate publications and publication boards."

Also, it is to be likewise understood and regarded that ARTICLE VI, Section 4 (a) "does not authorize the United Lutheran Church in America to establish and control schools of learning and theological seminaries, except on the Foreign Mission Field, but that this is the function of the Synods constituting this Body."

Your committee requests that, if it is decided to reprint the proposed Constitution for the United Lutheran Church in America as submitted by the joint committee of the three bodies, these resolutions and report be printed as an appendix thereto; and that the statement on the title page may be amplified by quoting the substance of the resolution adopted by the Joint Committee on the Celebration of the Quadri-Centennial of the Reformation at its meeting in Philadelphia, April 18th, 1917.

Those present and participating in the meeting were: The Reverends Theodore E. Schmauk, D.D., L. A. Johnston, D.D., Prof. H. E. Jacobs, D.D., Lars G. Abrahamson, D.D., Prof. J. A. W. Haas, D.D., Carl J. Petri, D.D., Edwin F. Keever, D.D., F. F. Fry, D.D., G. F. Gehr, D.D., F. Jacobson, Ph.D., Prof. O. J. Johnson, D.D., Emil Hoffmann, D.D., W. D. C. Keiter, D.D., J. F. Ohl, Mus.D., A. C. Anda, Prof. L. D. Reed, D.D., H.

A. Weller, D.D., and Messrs. A. G. Anderson, W. H. Hager, E. Clarence Miller, Grant Hultberg, G. F. Greiner, Esq., and G. E. Schlegelmilch, Esq., and by resolution it was agreed and authorized that Dr. H. A. Weller, Dr. F. Jacobson, Dr. W. D. C. Keiter, Dr. H. E. Jacobs and Mr. G. E. Schlegelmilch be authorized to collate the resolutions adopted at this meeting, and provide for the presentation of the same, at the next meeting of the General Council as the report of this committee.

Respectfully submitted,

H. A. WELLER,
F. JACOBSON,
W. D. C. KEITER,
H. E. JACOBS,
G. E. SCHLEGELMILCH.

This report, with all the various resolutions incorporated, including the recommendation of the proposed Constitution of the "United Lutheran Church in America," the resolution of the General Synod, and the added ones of this Committee, was adopted by items and unanimously as a whole.

On motion, it was

Resolution, That we ask the United Lutheran Church, when organized, and the other General Bodies at their next Conventions, to pass the addition in the Second Resolution, to Art. XV, Sec. 2, of the proposed Constitution.

The Convention then, unanimously and by a rising vote, adopted, with the change of "two-thirds" to "three-fourths" in Resolution 2, and "seven" to "eight" in Resolution 4, the Resolutions proposed in the President's Report.

THE RESOLUTIONS

1. *Resolved*, That the General Council hereby approves the proposed constitution of the United Lutheran Church in America, authorized and directs its submission to the District Synods at their next conventions, and most heartily recommends its adoption.

2. *Resolved*, That if at least three-fourths of the District Synods of the General Council shall ratify this constitution, and if it shall appear that it has been ratified also by the District Synods of the General Synod and of the United Synod in the South, then the next convention of the General Council shall be held on the second Tuesday of November, 1918, beginning at 8 P. M., at such place as shall be determined, and shall continue in session for about two days, after which it shall dissolve, and merge in the United Lutheran Church in America, whose first convention shall then and there begin.

If, however, the District Synods of neither the General Synod nor the United Synod in the South shall ratify this constitution, the ratification thereof by the District Synods of the General Council shall be considered null and void. In view of such a contingency the General Council shall make provision for its usual biennial convention.

3. *Resolved*, That in order to effect the union in accordance with legal requirements, to avoid possible confusion and without destroying in the least the nature and provisions of this constitution, the following be inserted in Article V. "Delegates" at the conclusion of the first sentence, following the words "and one lay delegate," viz.:

"And provided further that the delegates elected by the Synods to the last conventions of the general bodies to which they respectively belong held prior to the first convention hereunder, shall be and they are in the adoption hereof chosen by their respective Synods as their duly elected delegates to said first convention hereunder, irrespective of the basis of representation upon which they were chosen."

4. *Resolved*, That the President of the General Council be hereby directed to appoint a committee of eight, of which the President and the Secretary shall be ex-officio members, to be known as the Committee on Ways and Means, in the event that the constitution be ratified, or as a Continuation Committee in case it be not ratified.

The duties of the Committee on Ways and Means shall embrace the following:

(a) To inquire into the legality of the entire matter of union and if necessary to employ legal counsel.

(b) To be the arbiters to whom all questions shall be referred.

(c) To form with similar committees appointed by the other general bodies a Joint Committee on Ways and Means, to which must be referred the agreements between the several Boards and societies for final decision and which shall arrange and perfect all the details incident to the formation of the union and the holding of the first convention.

5. *Resolved*, That the Boards and societies and other agencies of the General Council whose consolidation with similar Boards, societies and agencies in the other bodies is contemplated in this union, shall, upon its ratification, proceed at once to take the needed steps to effect mergers, subject to the approval of the Committees on Ways and Means. They shall pursue a generous course in dealing with the other bodies, but at the same time they shall see to it that the respective interests which they hold in trust receive equitable consideration.

And they are also hereby charged and instructed to carry on their usual work with zeal and without interruption until it can be safely transferred.

The business of Merger Day having been so happily concluded, a Prayer of Thanksgiving was offered by the Rev. Dr. F. A. Kaehler, and the hymn "Now Thank We All Our God" was sung.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Berkemeier, it was

Resolved, That the presentation of this matter to the District Synods be left in the hands of the Ways and Means Committee already authorized.

The Rev. Prof. Nils Forsander, D.D., of the Augustana Theological Seminary, led in the Lord's Prayer, and the Convention adjourned.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

Friday, October 26, 9 A. M.

The Fourth Session was opened with devotional services conducted by the Rev. Dr. A. B. Markley, of Coshocton, O. The hymn "Come, Holy Ghost" was sung.

The Rev. W. M. Horn presented the

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MINISTERIAL PENSIONS

The Committee met in the Library of the Philadelphia Seminary, February 23, 1917, and formulated a workable, simple, and effective plan for ministerial pensions, covering the whole field of the General Council. The final completion and publication of the proposed plan was left to a sub-Committee.

When this sub-Committee met, the plan for the proposed merger of the General Synod, United Synod South, and the General Council had been launched, and it was deemed advisable before going further to communicate with similar committees in these Bodies. With the approval of the Committee and the endorsement of the President of the General Council, this was done, and co-operation promised on the part of the Pastor's Fund Society of the General Synod.

It is our opinion that it would be unwise to prepare and further a separate plan at this time, and we would recommend:

Recommendations

That the General Council wait for the carrying out of a plan for Ministerial Pensions until the United Lutheran Church can take up and develop the matter, and

That the Committee be discharged from further consideration of the matter, providing that the merger contemplated by the General Bodies be consummated.

A sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00), less inheritance tax, has been left for this purpose by Mrs. Mary Baer, of Lancaster, Pa., and this sum is held by the Treasurer of the Trustees of the General Council for this purpose intact.

M. LUTHER ZWEIZIG, *Secretary.*

WILLIAM M. HORN, *Chairman.*

The report, with its Recommendations, was adopted.

REPORT OF THE SWEDISH BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS

(The Augustana Synod's Home Mission)

The Swedish Home Mission work of the General Council is carried on exclusively by the Augustana Synod. The Home Mission Board of the Synod, through which this work is being carried on in the fields outside of the boundaries of the different Conferences, has in its service fourteen missionaries, twelve pastors, and two students, besides the two field secretaries and two immigrant missionaries. Rev. F. O. Hanson has left his work as English Field Secretary and is now in the service of the Iowa Conference as superintendent of the Iowa Lutheran Hospital at Des Moines, Ia., and pastor of the English Lutheran Bethany Church at that place. Rev. P. N. Sjoegren is still in the service of the Board as English Field Secretary, investigating prospective fields for work in the English language especially among our American-born people of Swedish descent. Rev. J. E. Rydback entered the service of the Board as Swedish Field Secretary last year, and has spent most of his time in visiting different congregations for the purpose of acquainting our people with the needs of the Home Mission work and soliciting funds for carrying on the same. Rev. C. E. Olsson has charge of the work at Boise, Idaho, and also at Burley. Rev. Arthur Peterson has recently taken charge of the work at Blackfoot, Pocatella, and Moore, Idaho. Rev. Olof B. Hanson, with headquarters at Salt Lake City, Utah, has charge of the work in that city and several surrounding places. Rev. Arthur Olson is in charge of the work at Ogden, Utah, with surrounding mission places. Mr. Edward Peterson, student, has been serving the congregation in Great Falls, Mont., during the past year, but will be succeeded by Rev. N. J. Forsberg, of Rock Island, Ill., who will be on the field by November 1st. Rev. Luther Cornay is ministering to the congregations at Idaho Falls, Firth, and Shelley, Idaho. Rev. David N. Anderson serves the congregation at Butte, Mont., and surrounding mission places. Rev. P. A. Fair is our missionary at Helena, Mont., and East Helena, and Rev. Thure V. Anderson at Missoula, Mont. Rev. C. J. Karl, with headquarters at Miami, Fla., is ministering to our people in Miami, Hallandale, and Dania, Fla. Rev. J. P. Leaf is mission pastor in Tennessee Ridge, Tenn., and Mr. Arnold Nelson, student, is in charge of the work on our field in Alabama, with headquarters at Thorsby. Rev. Martin L. Larson, with headquarters at Douglas, Alaska, is our sole missionary in this most northern part of our extensive mission field. Rev. A. C. Helander has charge of the Synod's immigrant mission work in New York City, and Rev. A. F. Seastrand of the seamen's and immigrant mission in Boston, Mass.

Besides the fields mentioned under the direct supervision of the Synod through its Home Mission Board, each Conference has its own mission board, through which is carried on mission work within its own boundaries.

During the biennium 1915-1917 the Home Mission Board expended directly on its mission field for salaries and traveling expenses to missionaries and field secretaries, \$37,897.45, besides contributing \$18,221.82 as aid to the missions in the California, Columbia, and Canada Conferences, or a total of \$56,119.27. During the same period the Conferences have contributed directly to home mission work within their respective boundaries as follows: Illinois Conference, \$16,206.28; Minnesota Conference, \$39,177.84 (a contribution of \$4,500.00 to the Canada Conference missions not included); Iowa Conference, \$10,902.27; Kansas Conference, \$8,717.65; New York Conference, \$12,957.57; Nebraska Conference, \$10,557.32; Columbia Conference, \$16,220.64 (contribution of \$6,023.22 from Synod included); California Conference, \$6,966.00 (\$6,048.60 from Synod included); Superior Conference, \$3,348.50; New England Conference, \$9,943.70; Red River Valley Conference, \$9,529.57; Canada Conference, \$11,211.00 (\$6,150.00 from Synod and \$4,500.00 from Minnesota Conference included). The total amount expended by the Synod and the Conferences for home mission work during the biennium 1915-1917 amounts to a total sum of \$193,635.79.

C. A. LARSON, *Secretary*.

The report was adopted.

REPORT OF THE SLAV AND HUNGARIAN MISSION BOARD

To the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America.

FATHERS AND BRETHREN:—In submitting the report of the Slav and Hungarian Mission Board for the past biennium, we feel conscious that many congregations of foreign-speaking Lutherans have been materially and spiritually benefited. The scattered immigrants are more and more seeking the Gates of Zion and rejoice to be in the assembly of believers. The development of missions under our care is necessarily slow, owing to the lack of pastors to take the oversight. The demand for local pastors is growing in missions. The incoherent bond of fellowship of an occasional service is more and more crystallizing into the conscious desire for regular congregational organizations. Many missions have called us for service and are urgently begging for spiritual ministrations. Owing to the great diversity of the languages, and the distressing lack of competent ministers capable of serving these congregations we have to face many difficult problems, with unique conditions.

The Board ministers at the present time to congregations of the following nationalities: Slovak, Magyar, Lett, Siebenbuerger-Saxon, Slovenians, Poles. The Slovak field is by far the most developed and has the largest number of adherents. Our Magyar interests have suffered great loss for lack of ministers.

It is with deep sorrow that we mention the death of a faithful and efficient missionary. Rev. Gustav Walyi, the former Magyar missionary in Detroit, Mich., was killed in a railway collision at Amherst, O., March 29, 1916. In addition to this, the Board sustained three additional losses from its working force. Rev. Julius Csernecky has been confined to the hospital since February, 1916. Rev. Joseph Korntheuer has entered the German-English service, and Rev. L. Havel demitted the ministry. These losses have caused serious gaps on our mission field.

In the meantime we had two accessions by ordination. Rev. Matthew Fedor Benko, now in charge of the Slovak parish, Kenosha-Cudahy, Wis., and Rev. John Pribula serving in the Slovak parish at Indiana Harbor, Gary, Ind.

During the biennium four new churches were erected and four buildings are now in process of erection.

The Board held eight quarterly meetings during the biennium.

It is gratifying to report that during the past biennium, the indebtedness of the Board has not been increased. The indebtedness two years ago amounted to \$6,700. It is, however, a matter of rejoicing to state that at the next note renewal a certain amount of the debt will be cancelled.

In pursuance with the action of the last convention of the General Council, the Slav and Hungarian Mission Board has been incorporated in the Court at Buffalo, N. Y. The form of incorporation is appended to this report.

STUDENTS

During the biennium the Board granted support to fourteen students, two of whom have been ordained to the office of the ministry. At this time there are twelve young men preparing, under the auspices of the Board, for the office of the Christian ministry among foreign-speaking people, representing according to nationality: Slovak, Magyar, Lett, Lithuanian. Eight of our students are employed in supplying missions, five of whom have been in charge of organized congregations rendering service every Sunday during the past year. Without the assistance of these young men the work of the Board would be seriously handicapped. Many of our congregations, especially those regularly organized, have made repeated and urgent requests that the students should be permitted to administer the sacraments. These foreign congregations, deprived of the service of ordained pastors, suffer great inconvenience because of the fact that their student supplies could not baptize the children.

At its last convention, the Ministerium of Pennsylvania introduced the system of licensure for students under this Board's jurisdiction. Under careful restrictions, the students are qualified to render full service in the congregations where they are appointed to serve. This provision will remove many a hardship from our congregations and will make the student-supply much more satisfactory and efficient for our congregations.

MATERIAL DEVELOPMENT

In March, 1916, the Slovenian congregation, South Bethlehem, Pa., Rev. Ernest A. Stiegler, pastor, completed their magnificent church edifice, representing an outlay of \$42,000. Recently the congregation purchased a property for school purposes at a cost of \$16,000.

The Slovak congregation in Nanticoke, Pa., Rev. Andrew Hibian, pastor, consecrated their new church on Thanksgiving Day, 1916. The cost of the building was \$12,100.

In Nov., 1915, Rev. Samuel Placko became the pastor of the Slovak mission in Detroit, Mich. In January, 1917, the congregation consecrated a chapel costing with lot and furnishings, \$2,380.

The Magyar congregation in Cleveland, O., Rev. Stephen Ruzsa, pastor, purchased a house for \$4,500 for an Old People's Home as a part of their Orphans' Home institution.

The Slovak congregation in Kenosha, Wis., Rev. M. F. Benko, pastor, paid \$800 on its church debt, and they are now engaged in remodeling the property for a parsonage.

The Magyar congregation, Allentown, Pa., in charge of Student Paul Faska, paid \$1,000 on its church property.

The Magyar and the Slovak congregations in Palmerton, Pa., in charge of Student Paul Faska, purchased, conjointly, a church building for \$1,800, paying cash for it. Extensive repairs will have to be made before the building can be occupied.

The Philadelphia Slovak parish, Rev. L. Sanjek, pastor, has made notable progress. The congregation in Camden, N. J., purchased a lot for a future church site at a cost of \$700. The congregation in Trenton, N. J., installed a steam-heating plant at a cost of \$300, purchased a cemetery plot for \$850, and paid \$600 on its debt. The congregation in Philadelphia carried its heavy interest-bearing debt and paid \$300 on the principal.

The Slovak congregation in Northampton, Pa., in charge of Student John M. Bellan, reduced its indebtedness during the biennium by \$1,800.

The Slovak congregation in Chicago, Rev. Samuel Schultz, pastor, procured a chandelier costing \$300.

The Slovak congregation at Barberton, O., Rev. A. D. Dianiska, pastor, erected a church steeple and placed a bell in it.

The Magyar congregation in Detroit, Rev. Geza von Albrecht, pastor, installed a second-hand pipe organ for \$250.

The Dr. Martin Luther congregation in Cleveland, O., Rev. A. D. Dianiska, pastor, is now engaged in erecting a handsome new church. The cost for construction alone will be \$26,000.

The Slovak congregation in Calhan, Colo., after several fruitless efforts to purchase a church have decided, under the direction of Rev. J. W. Finkbiner, D.D., of Colorado Springs, to erect a new church this year.

The Magyar congregation in Buffalo, without a regular Magyar pastor, but with the assistance of Rev. Wm. C. Drach, are now engaged in erecting a church costing approximately \$4,000.

The Magyar congregation in New Brunswick, N. J., Rev. Alexander Szabo, pastor, is now engaged in enlarging its church building so as to provide for school room. The improvements are estimated to cost \$4,000. Through the benevolent contributions of friends, it was possible to provide the passage charges to bring Mrs. Szabo and their two daughters from Hungary to America. Rev. Szabo and his family are deeply thankful to their benefactors for making it possible to unite their family here in America.

The Slovak congregation in Byesville, O., supplied during the summer by Student Paul Chropuvka, have purchased a lot for \$500, and if sufficient funds can be raised they expect to erect a church this summer.

ARE THE RESULTS PERMANENT?

Occasionally the question is asked whether the mission operations of our Board have a permanent value for American Lutheranism. There seems to be a suspicion that when normal world conditions are again established a large portion of our constituency might leave America. The recital of the above material developments in our congregations ought to be equivalent to an emphatic affirmative answer. Furthermore we wish to call special attention to this fact that two-thirds of these improvements have been made in congregations organized under the auspices of this Board, and of the remaining one-third all but two congregations are now served by ministers prepared for their calling by this Board.

MISCELLANEOUS

By the will of the late R. Frank Stine, of Allentown, Pa., a former member of this Board, the Henry Stine Scholarship at Muhlenberg College after the death of Mrs. Stine shall become of permanent use to our Board. Mr. Stine also bequeathed \$600 to the Magyar Orphans' Home at Cleveland, O.

The Women's Missionary Societies of the General Council, under the efficient direction of Miss Laura R. Swope, Erwinna, Pa., have shown a cordial interest in our work by their liberal contributions.

Mrs. Russell McCloughan, of Philadelphia, a Slovak lady, has given strenuous service in presenting the cause of our immigrant Lutherans at Missionary conventions.

We make a most urgent appeal to the Church for contributions to the Church Extension Fund. These contributions are to be sent directly to the regular treasurer of the General Council Church Extension Society,

with the specific direction, however, that the gift is to apply to the Slav and Hungarian Mission Board Church Extension Fund. Such a fund is sorely needed. Often a small financial assistance would have been the means of securing a church home for our missions where otherwise building projects have been retarded for years.

WESTERN ITINERARY OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

The extent of the field of our mission operations covers practically the entire United States. There are scattered Slovak Evangelical colonies in the States of Michigan, Wisconsin, Montana, Washington, Oregon, California, Colorado, and Canada, which are utterly deprived of the ministration of the Word and Sacrament, except what they receive when the Superintendent makes his annual visitation across the continent. Many of these missions have been visited regularly since 1912. New places are constantly added to the itinerary. There is abundant evidence that these services have been richly blessed. It should be remembered that without this service these people would have not had any occasion whatever to hear the Gospel in their language. As one of the fruits of these visits, we have already pointed out that the Slovak congregation at Calhan, Colo., under the assistance of an English Lutheran pastor, Dr. Finkbiner, is now engaged in building their own house of worship. Other fields are likewise ready and eagerly awaiting for the regular ministration of the Gospel ministry. Truly the harvest is plenteous, but the laborers are few.

ELECTION OF MEMBERS

The terms of the following six members of the Board expire this year: Rev. W. M. Rehrig, Ph.D., President; Rev. Earnest A. Trabert, Secretary; Rev. Gustave A. Benze, D.D., Corresponding Secretary; Mr. H. E. Young, Treasurer; Mr. Charles A. Worsley, Mr. Thomas L. Sheaffer.

WHAT OF THE FUTURE?

Is it worth while to care for the immigrant? How far is the Church responsible for the welfare of the immigrant, especially those of the household of the Faith? There is no more important mission work demanding the prayerful attention of the entire Church, than the present critical situation among the immigrants. The Church cannot be loyal either to her own self or subserve her highest duty to the State, unless she give earnest heed to the spiritual welfare of the strangers that live among us. It seems as if the prevalent holocaust in their homelands had awakened a responsive chord in the religious sentiments of the immigrants in America as never before. It is not only now an opportune time, but also a divine duty to render every possible religious ministration to the immigrants. We, therefore, appeal urgently to the Church in behalf of our immigrant constituency for a liberal support of these missions.

THE APPORTIONMENT

The General Council recommended the same apportionment for the ensuing biennium as for the past.

1.	Ministerium of Pennsylvania	\$16,800 00
2.	Ministerium of New York	3,400 00
3.	Pittsburgh Synod	5,400 00
4.	District Synod of Ohio	1,500 00
5.	Augustana Synod	500 00
6.	Canada Synod	500 00
7.	Chicago Synod	700 00
8.	Synod of the Northwest	700 00
9.	Manitoba Synod	80 00
10.	Pacific Synod	120 00
11.	New York and New England Synod.....	3,400 00
12.	Nova Scotia Synod	100 00
13.	Synod of Central Canada	200 00

\$33,400 00

SLOVAK MISSIONS

PLACE	PASTOR	Paying Members	Attendance	Communed	Value of Property	Debt.
Philadelphia, Pa.....	Rev. L. Sanjek.....	39	64	27	\$75000	\$47000
Camden, N. J.....	“	18	48	23	800	.....
Trenton, N. J.....	“	36	70	52	6000	2000
Northampton, Pa.....	Student, John M. Bellan.....	175	420	149	12000	2000
Irwin Parish:						
Irwin, Pa.....	Vacant.....	165	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hannastown, Pa.....	“ .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Greensburg, Pa.....	“ .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Claridge, Pa.....	“ .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
New Kensington.....	“ .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Detroit, Mich.....	Rev. Samuel Placko.....	54	160	78	3000	.....
Mission Points:						
Muskegon Heights, Mich....	Rev. Samuel Placko.....	160	49	.....	.....	.....
Toledo, O.....	“ .....	.....	20	14	.....	.....
Port Clinton, O.....	“ .....	.....	52	22	.....	.....
Dayton, O.....	“ .....	.....	34	16	.....	.....
Middletown, O.....	“ .....	.....	20	8	.....	.....
Byesville, O.....	“ .....	.....	180	105	500	.....
Kenosha, Wis.....	Rev. M. F. Benko.....	55	150	77	10000	400
Cudahy, Wis.....	“	57	100	75	.....	.....
Palmerton, Pa.....	Student Paul Faska.....	50	75	49	900	.....

SIEBENBUERGER-SAXON MISSIONS

Youngstown, O.....	Rev. George Schuster.....	172	400	175	16000	5100
Salem, O.....	“.....	150	175	47	.....	.....
Niles, O.....	“.....	.....	32	14	.....	.....
Lorain, O.....	“.....	.....	90	.....	.....	.....
Cleveland, O.....	“.....	.....	165	.....	.....	.....
Monaca, Pa.....	“.....	.....	112	.....	.....	.....
Gary, Ind.....	“.....	.....	230	.....	.....	.....

PLACE	PASTOR	Paying Members	Attendance	Communed	Value of Property	Debt.
MAGYAR MISSIONS						
Cleveland, O.....	Rev. Stephen Ruzsa.....	210	400	380	\$34000	\$6000
Detroit, Mich.....	Rev. Geza von Albrecht.....	200	350	80	11000	6500
New Brunswick, N. J.....	Rev. Alex. Szabo.....	162	217	205	7400	3340
Perth Amboy, N. J.....	".....	94	138	85	828	.....
Buffalo, N. Y.....	Vacant.....	75	100	12	2200	.....
Allentown, Pa.....	Student Paul Faska.....	50	75	38	3100	1800
Palmerton, Pa.....	".....	75	90	20	900	.....

LETTISH MISSIONS

Boston, Mass.....	Rev. John Steik.....	32	85	76	7500	5000
Saundersland, Mass.....	".....	.....	17	6	.....	.....
Philadelphia, Pa.....	Rev. Peter E. Steik.....	40	50	27	.....	.....
New York, N. Y.....	".....	21	17	15	.....	.....
Milo, Maine.....	".....	.....	22	11	.....	.....
Camden, N. J.....	".....	.....	16	.....	.....	.....
Egg Harbor, N. J.....	".....	.....	5	3	.....	.....
Lac du Bonnet, Man.....	Rev. W. O. Zahlis.....	.....	5	5	.....	.....
Libau, Man.....	".....	.....	25	12	.....	.....
Sifton, Man.....	".....	.....	35	22	.....	.....
Bird River, Man.....	".....	.....	25	2	.....	.....
Letonia, Man.....	".....		7	3		
Oak Brae, Man.....	".....		30	9		

SLOVENIAN MISSION

Steelton, Pa.....	Rev. L. Sanjek.....	42	38	34		
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SLOVENIAN SELF-SUSTAINING CONGREGATION

South Bethlehem, Pa.....	Rev. Ernest A. Stiegler.....	1157		1200	62000	19000
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SLOVAK SELF-SUSTAINING CONGREGATIONS

Cleveland, O.....	Rev. A. D. Dianiska.....	600		400	\$40000	\$18000
Akron, O.....	".....	150	.....	.....	1000	.....
Barberton, O.....	".....	60	.....	80	4000	1000
Nanticoke, Pa.....	Rev. Andrew Hibian.....	64	274	145	20000	8000
Little Falls, N. Y.....	Rev. Paul A. Putra.....	400	400	500	30000	10000
Charleroi, Pa.....	Rev. John Body.....	260	800	600	18000	2100
Chicago, Ill.....	Rev. Samuel Schultz.....	600	.....	1400	60000	12000
Freeland, Pa.....	Student John Zabadal.....	60	150	90	9000	.....
Newark, N. J.....	Rev. L. Novomesky.....	178	.....	590	14000	4500
Missions supplied:						
Houtzdale, Pa.....	Rev. L. Novomesky.....	.....	89	91	.....	.....
Spangler, Pa.....	".....	.....	37	37	4000	.....
Grassflat, Pa.....	".....	.....	96	89	.....	.....
Philipsburg, Pa.....	".....	.....	63	63	.....	.....
Mahanoy City, Pa.....	Student Andrew Svasko.....	.....	250	.....	6000	1600
Mt. Carmel, Pa.....	".....	55	200	.....	2000	.....
Pottstown, Pa.....	".....	18	47	35	.....	.....
Indiana Harbor, Ind.....	Rev. John Pribula.....	83	200	.....	5000	.....
Gary, Ind.....	".....	26	85	.....	2000	.....
Chicago, Ill.....	Rev. Samuel Lichner.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Braddock, Pa.....	Rev. C. V. Molnar.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

SLOVAK CONGREGATIONS SERVED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT,

REV. A. L. RAMER, PH.D.

Places	Present at Service	Com-muned	Places	Present at Service	Com-muned
Avella, Pa.	12	8	Wheeling, W. Va. ...	21	20
Boswell, Pa.	27	24	Gary, W. Va.	31	25
Audenried, Pa.	14	..	Freeman, W. Va.	4	4
(Magyar)			Disputanta, Va.	38	33
Erie, Pa.	23	16	Prince George, Va. ..	8	6
Landingville, Pa.	17	15	Toms Creek, Va.	3	3
New Bethlehem, Pa...	20	14	Bessemer, Mich.	49	40
Peckville, Pa.	28	24	Superior, Wis.	4	4
Pageville, Pa.	32	23	Nashua, Mont.	11	8
Sheppton, Pa.	16	14	Belt, Mont.	32	22
Saltsburg, Pa.	32	28	Lehigh, Mont.	8	7
Iselin, Pa.	18	13	Stockett, Mont.	31	24
Washington, Pa.	8	8	Sand Coulee, Mont. ..	47	33
(Polish)			Cle Elum, Wash.	29	19
Proctor, Vt.	86	74	Tacoma, Wash.	32	32
Hudson, N. Y.	27	13	Everett, Wash.	10	10
Tarrytown, N. Y.	11	9	Portland, Ore.	3	3
Binghamton, N. Y. ...	13	12	San Francisco, Cal. ..	17	10
Lackawanna, N. Y. ..	13	13	Calhan, Colo.	75	50
Buffalo, N. Y.	35	12	Pueblo, Colo.	5	5
(Magyar)			Birmingham, Ala.	8	6
Barton, O.	32	23	Fernie, B. C., Canada.	4	4
Piney Fork, O.	35	29	Canmore, Alta., Canada	14	12
		384			380

The Superintendent visited and conducted services in these established congregations:

Northampton, Pa.	80	77	Grassflat, Pa.	84	66
(Communion)			(Communion)		
Freeland, Pa.	100	90	Houtzdale, Pa.	108	75
(Communion)			(Communion)		
Mahanoy City, Pa. ...	120	..	Spangler, Pa.	38	26
(Installation)			(Communion)		
Mt. Carmel, Pa.	102	42	Philipsburg, Pa.	38	18
(Communion)			(Communion)		
Pottstown, Pa.	34	24	Philadelphia, Pa.	48	..
(Communion)			(Slovak, Official)		
Nanticoke, Pa.	350	..	Philadelphia, Pa.	37	..
(Official)			(Lett., Official)		
New Kensington, Pa..	96	14	New York, N. Y.	26	..
(Official)			(Lett., Official)		
Farrell, Pa.	155	90	Trenton, N. J.	40	..
(Communion)			(Slovak, Official)		

Places	Present at Service	Com-muned	Places	Present at Service	Com-muned
Indian Harbor, Ind. ..	65	42	Lore City, O.	128	65
(Official)			(Communion)		
Gary, Ind.	73	37	Byesville, O.	103	40
(Official)			(Communion)		
Kenosha, Wis.	165	..	Allentown, Pa.	14	..
(Installation)			(Magyar)		
Detroit, Mich.	155	..	Palmerton, Pa.	52	..
(Slovak, Dedication)			(Slovak)		
Detroit, Mich.	80	..	Barberton, O.	100	..
(Magyar, Installation)			(Official)		
Muskegon Heights, Mich. (Communion)	49	49	Cleveland, O.	400	..
			(Installation)		

Respectfully submitted,

THE SLAV AND HUNGARIAN MISSION BOARD,

W. M. REHRIG, *President*.

A. L. RAMER, *Superintendent*.

INCORPORATION CERTIFICATE

Slav and Hungarian Mission Board of the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America.

We, the undersigned, all being persons of full age, and at least two-thirds being citizens of the United States, and at least one being a resident of the State of New York, all of whom are members of two or more incorporated churches, namely, Parkside Evangelical Lutheran Church, Buffalo, New York, and St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, New York, New York, desiring to form a corporation for the purpose of conducting home mission work among the foreign-born people that come to this country to reside and to such people who reside here now, and to maintain the same in accordance with the Confessions, Principles, and Polity of the Evangelical Lutheran Churches accepted by the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America, and to acquire property therefor, pursuant to Section 19 of the Religious Corporation Law, do certify as follows:

1. That the name of such Corporation shall be Slav and Hungarian Mission Board of the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America.

2. The work of this Corporation is to be maintained in conformity with the Principles and Polity of the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America in behalf of and for the said General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America.

3. Its principal office is to be located in the city of Buffalo, County of Erie, and State of New York.

4. The number of Trustees to manage its affairs shall be nine, who shall be elected by this Board from its members as elected by the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America, five of whom shall serve for a period of four years, and four of whom shall serve for a period of two years, their successors in office shall serve for a period of four years.

5. The names of the Trustees to serve for the first year of its existence are as follows: Rev. Frank E. Jensen, Buffalo, N. Y.; Rev. G. H. Tappert, New York, N. Y.; Rev. W. M. Rehrig, Mauch Chunk, Pa.; Rev. E. A. Trabert, Lima, O.; Rev. G. A. Benze, Erie, Pa.; Mr. Charles A. Worsley, South Bethlehem, Pa.; Mr. H. E. Young, Bethlehem, Pa.; Rev. George Gebert, Tamaqua, Pa.

In witness whereof we have made, signed, and acknowledged this certificate on this 24th day of October, 1916.

REV. FRANK E. JENSEN,
REV. GUSTAVE H. TAPPERT,
REV. W. M. REHRIG,
REV. E. A. TRABERT,
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REV. JOSEPH O. GLENN,
REV. A. DIANISKA.

State of New York, }
County of Erie, } ss.
City of Buffalo, }

On this 24th day of October, 1916, before me personally came Rev. Frank E. Jensen, Rev. George H. Tappert, Rev. W. M. Rehrig, Rev. Earnest A. Trabert, Rev. Gustave A. Benze, Mr. Charles A. Worsley, Mr. H. E. Young, Mr. Thomas L. Sheafer, Rev. Albert D. Dianiska, Rev. George Gebert, Rev. J. O. Glenn, to me known and known to be the persons described in and who executed the foregoing Certificate and severally duly acknowledge to me that they executed the same.

Dated this 24th day of October, 1916.

WM. L. JONES,

Notary Public in and for Erie County, N. Y.

Report of the Treasurer of the Slav and Hungarian Mission Board from June 23, 1915, to June 8, 1917.

Debits.

Balance on hand, June 23, 1915 \$761 11

Receipts

Ministerium of Pennsylvania \$11,995 85
Ministerium of Pennsylvania, Appropriation 2,000 00
Ministerium of Pennsylvania, President's Account 100 00

Pittsburgh Synod	\$3,901 38
Pittsburgh Synod, Church Extension Fund	5 00
New York Ministerium	1,145 45
New York Ministerium, Hungarian Church Fund	75 00
New York and New England Synod	1,670 59
New York and New England Synod, More Men for the Ministry Committee	400 00
New York and New England Synod, Italian Missions	12 00
District Synod of Ohio	1,637 16
Chicago Synod	804 03
English Synod of the Northwest	627 92
English Synod of the Northwest, Italian Missions	2 50
Augustana Synod	258 08
Canada Synod	192 93
Central Canada Synod	1,641 63
Nova Scotia Synod	66 89
For transportation of Rev. Alex. Szabo's family to America:	
Ministerium of Pennsylvania	\$ 15 00
New York and New England Synod	5 00
Chicago Synod	5 00
English Synod of the Northwest	5 00
District Synod of Ohio	52 00
Personal contributions	139 25
	221 25
Superintendent's Collections	1,654 43
Missionaries' Collections	\$ 643 22
Personal Contributions	206 70
Loan	350 00
Total	\$28,896 12

Credits

Rev. A. L. Ramer, Salary	\$ 3,600 00
Expenses	1,765 82
Rev. George Schuster, Salary	1,560 00
Expenses	160 16
Rev. Peter Steik, Salary	1,500 00
Expenses	196 00
Rev. Louis Sanjek, Salary	1,340 00
Expenses	199 16
Rev. John Steik, Salary	759 85
Rev. Jos. Korntheuer, Salary	780 00
Rev. Samuel Placko, Salary	930 00
Expenses	324 59
Rev. Gustav Valyi, Salary	450 00
Expenses	60 40
Rev. Geza Von Albrecht, Salary	335 00
Expenses	8 17

Rev. W. O. Zahlis, Salary	\$ 241 66
Expenses	9 80
Rev. J. Czernecky, Salary	240 00
Hospital Charges	423 50
Rev. Alex. Szabo, Salary	510 00
Expenses	55 75
Transportation for family	226 25
Rev. Stephen Ruzsa, Salary	296 63
Expenses	15 12
Rev. Matthew Benko, Salary	50 00
For Students' Education	6,503 35
Students' Missionary Expenses	301 58
Italian Missions	12 50
Hungarian Church, Buffalo	75 00
Corporation Seal	4 95
Finance Committee, Printing, Postage, etc.	74 94
Printing	239 32
Board meeting expenses	860 83
Treasurer's Salary	75 00
Treasurer's Supplies and Postage	81 32
Interest on loans	502 00
Loans paid	\$ 850 00
Total	\$25,619 15
Balance on hand, June 8, 1917	3,276 97
Total	\$28,896 12

Since the presentation of the above report there has been paid on notes \$1,000.00, leaving a balance of \$2,276.97.

We, the undersigned, appointed by the Slav and Hungarian Mission Board, do hereby acknowledge that we have audited the accounts of the Treasurer and find the same correct.

DANIEL J. ODENWELDER, *Public Accountant.*

CHARLES A. WORSLEY,

GEO. YOUNG.

H. E. YOUNG, *Treasurer.*

The report was adopted.

VIRGIN ISLAND MATTERS

The Delegates from the Virgin Islands were seated on the platform and severally introduced.

The Rev. W. M. Horn presented the

REPORT OF THE PROVISIONAL COMMITTEE ON THE LUTHERAN CHURCHES IN THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

(The report was in the form of a pamphlet containing interesting information, preceded by the subjoined Recommendations.)

The Provisional Committee makes the following recommendations to the General Council:

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4. That the General Council set apart the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) for immediate use for the purpose stated above.
5. That the General Council lay annually upon the District Synods for the support and development of the Church in these islands an apportionment of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00).
6. That the General Council invite the General Synod and the United Synod of the South to co-operate as soon as possible in the support and development of the work.
7. That all further matters pertaining to the organizing and development of this work be left to the proposed Board in conjunction with the President of the General Council.

WILLIAM M. HORN, *Chairman*,
 E. F. BACHMANN,
 G. FRANKLIN GEHR,
 CHARLES M. JACOBS,

W. D. C. KEITER,
 ROBERT E. GASKELL,
 JOHN B. KAERCHER,
 WILLIAM H. STAAKE,
 Provisional Committee.

The Recommendations were adopted as a whole.

REPORT ON THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

The Virgin Islands, formerly the Danish West Indies, lie 40 miles east of Porto Rico, about 1,500 miles southeast of New York City. Though about 40 islands comprise the group that was sold to the United States, only three are large enough to be considered. Many of the others are simply uninhabited rocks. These three are St. Croix, St. Thomas, and St. John.

The United States paid \$25,000,000.00 for them. It had tried to buy them from Denmark ever since 1865, offering then \$5,000,000.00. They were a necessary defence for the Panama Canal, and a naval base. The Government will do a great deal of building there, and their importance to us cannot be overestimated.

When intimation of the impending sale and the likelihood that it would be consummated came out in August, 1916, the attention of the President of the General Council was called to the fact that the Lutheran Church had a large interest in these islands, and to the necessity of action that would preserve the fruits of its labors in the change to another Government. He at once took up the matter vigorously, and with the approval of the Danish Synod in America, through its President, Rev. Dr. N. P. Gravengaard, a Commissioner, Rev. A. C. Kildegaard, of New York City,

was sent down to investigate the situation, and to do all in his power to make easy the necessary transition.

In the meantime correspondence had been had with the president of the General Synod and with its Foreign Mission Board, and with Dr. John R. Mott. Both these readily consented to support the efforts of the General Council when they learned of its activity. Rev. Alfred Ostrom had already made a visit to the islands from Porto Rico, and his tact and ability created a favorable impression.

As at this meeting of the General Council accredited commissioners from the Lutheran churches on the islands will be received and heard, and action will be asked, the Provisional Committee in charge places before you the information necessary to intelligent action, by giving you the report of the commissioner to the President of the General Council:

It was on Saturday, the 24th day of February that I started out on my journey, leaving New York on the *S. S. Guiana* of the Quebec Line. I arrived in St. Thomas the following Friday morning, March 2, after six days at sea. Only one day was a little stormy, the others very pleasant.

It had been my prayer that the Lord would send me good speed and prosper my way that it might lead to the glory of His Name, and that His will might be done. And now that I am home again I feel grateful that I can say, I believe the Lord was with me with His guidance and aid.

I visited all the churches and their different institutions, and nearly all the active workers in them. Everywhere I came they greeted me with a hearty welcome. All of them were not only willing to give me the information I was seeking, but eager to, as far as it was possible, set other matters aside and give their time to me.

I was impressed by what I saw and heard. Good work is being done, and the workers are of the best kind, diligent and conscientious men and women, who are giving their strength to the great cause, to which in my judgment they are very well fitted. Before entering upon the subject of the church work, I will say a few things in general about the islands. They are not large. St. Thomas 3 x 14 miles; St. John (2 miles east of St. Thomas) 3 x 9 miles; St. Croix, lying about 40 miles south of St. Thomas and St. John, is the largest of the three, 22 x 7 miles; measurements being greatest width and length, not the average. The total area is 138 square miles or 88,320 acres. The United States is paying \$283.00 per acre.

The conditions on the islands are quite different. On the central south shore of St. Thomas is located the much spoken of harbor; around this is built the city, Charlotte Amalie, beautifully located on the hillsides, overlooking the harbor. The population is 10,000.

St. John is wonderful and beautiful with its mountains and valleys, bays and nearby small islands. The soil is very productive but not cultivated. The huts of the natives are scattered and the total population is only about 1,000. Here and there on St. John and St. Thomas may be seen the ruins of the old sugar mills, which, however, are all idle; most of them have produced nothing since the time of slavery.

St. Croix is very different. The soil is very productive, and it is cultivated extensively, and one may here see large waving fields of sugar cane. The homes of the planters as well as the sugar factories are not far apart, a large number of the inhabitants are scattered about the island. Nearly half of them live in the two villages, Christiansted in the east, with a population of about 4,500, and Frederiksted in the west, with a population of 3,500. The distance between the two is about 15 miles. The total population of the island is about 19,000.

At the time of Columbus (he landed in St. Croix in 1493) the Indians dwelt in the islands, but they are no more, and when Denmark acquired St. Thomas in 1672 there was only a very little flock of Dutch colonists on the island, and St. John, which was annexed a few years later, had no inhabitants; the same was true of St. Croix when purchased from France in 1733. The colonists saw the possibilities of the islands, but to supply the labor on which they were dependent they imported slaves from Africa. It was not pleasant to hear how these slaves were treated, or rather ill-treated, until they were finally given their liberty in 1848.

The present population are mainly descendants of these slaves. They are physically strong and able bodied, well able to perform what they see others do, but otherwise weak. They are not inventive. The cause of this must be found in slavery and the fact that the slaves were heathen. The Moravians were the first to begin mission work here in a small way in 1732; the Danish Church followed in 1757, as did also others later. Slowly this work has been carried on and now nearly all are connected with some Church, as follows: Episcopal, 35 per cent.; Catholic, 27 per cent.; Moravian, 20 per cent.; Lutheran, 11 per cent.; Dutch Reformed, Methodists and Baptists, 7 per cent.

Much is yet lacking, but I believe the possibilities are great and that the future can bring about great changes if rightly undertaken.

Let me try to explain. It is Sunday as I saw it in March, bright and summer-like, the sun gives color to everything—nature, the people and the Church. By the hundreds young and old from town and country are bound for church, clothed in their best, men in black and women in white. Many are barefooted, but they carry their shoes and stockings with them, and put them on shortly before they arrive at church. When they come into the church each has his accustomed place and when they sit down in their pews and bend their heads in silent prayer, they seem as throughout the service to be spiritually active in everything; in the singing of the hymns, in reading of the Scriptures; to the sermon they listen most attentively. They seem to be moved by a spiritual power, they speak throughout the week of the church and its work, they sing the sacred songs of Sankey everywhere—those on the street, the cook in the kitchen, the sailor on the sea, the salesladies at the market, yes, even the man intoxicated as he walks with difficulty towards his home. They are touched by the spiritual power, yet lack in the seriousness of the spiritual; hence I heard a group of passengers on a boat from St. Thomas to St. Croix among a number of hymns sing "I need Thee every hour," when suddenly one of

the number commented on this hymn, "That is my money in my pocket," and all joined in a hearty, almost wild, laugh. Something is stagnant or dormant, but the possibilities are waiting to become realized. They are willing to be helped, must be helped.

The Lutheran Church, as stated, is not the largest, although it is the State Church. Perhaps it would have been larger if it had not been for the frequent, sometimes lengthy, vacancies after a Lutheran pastor would leave and a year or more would elapse before his successor would arrive. I was told of one case where seven years out of twenty-one were times of vacancies. The natives as children cannot survive this, and on account of what thus has been neglected I believe many have affiliated themselves with other churches, who otherwise would have remained with the Lutheran. Furthermore, the pastors have not all been as conscientious as the present ones; frequently they have not understood the people and, unfamiliar with the language, have not been able to make themselves understood. Yet the Lutheran Church is recognized as one of importance, and its work is carried on in all parts of the islands. The largest church is in St. Thomas, with a total membership of 1,400, not more than about 200 of these are Danes. The property is well located, practically arranged and well kept. The beautiful church is valued at \$15,000.00, parsonage \$4,500.00, and Bethany Mission House \$4,000.00. The salary of the pastor is \$1,700.00, parish clerk \$250.00, running expenses \$700.00. (This includes organist, janitor, insurance, and light.) It has a Sunday-school with about 250 children in all classes (34). Rev. A. Bergh is the present pastor. His assistant is Rev. Kastrup. He receives \$1,000.00 annually. Work among the Danes began in 1672; among the slaves, 1757.

The smallest Lutheran congregation is the one in St. John (considered as annex to St. Thomas) with a membership of 125, of whom 5 are Danes. They have a nice little church or chapel, valued at \$1,500.00. The parish clerk there receives \$250.00 annually as salary. He leads the weekly services and the Sunday-school when the pastor from St. Thomas is not present. I was present at a service and a session of the Sunday-school here with Pastor Bergh and Provost Helweg Larsen.

On St. Croix Christiansted is first in importance, with a membership of 950, 50 of whom are Danes. Work here was begun among the Danes in 1734. Church now is worth \$14,000.00, parsonage \$4,000.00. Pleasant Grove, with homes for poor and old, is worth about \$4,000.00. Here also resides a nurse, Miss Voight, who visits sick and needy, mostly Lutheran, but also others. The Sunday-school here has 240 pupils in 26 classes. Provost P. Helweg Larsen is pastor. The salary of the pastor at present is \$2,000.00; he is provost, arch-deacon, that is president or superintendent of all the work. Parish clerk receives \$250.00. The running expenses are \$400.00.

The congregation in Frederiksted has membership of 550, nearly 100 of these are Danes. Work here was commenced in 1751. The church is worth \$12,000.00 (it is now under repair, being damaged by hurricane last year). Here is no parsonage, but application has been made for \$2,500.00;

the prospects are that this will be appropriated and the parsonage built. Bethesda Mission Chapel with homes for old is worth \$4,000.00. Salary of pastor \$1,600.00 (he then pays his own house rent), parish clerk \$250.00, running expenses \$300.00. Here is a Sunday-school with 175 children.

About midways between Christiansted and Frederiksted is Kingshill. The Lutheran Church here has a membership of about 250; 60 of these are Danes, mostly from the sugar plantations and factories. The church here is worth \$5,000.00. The pastors from Christiansted and Frederiksted at present hold services in Kingshill. Formerly there was a pastor here, salary \$1,200.00. Besides this there is a deaconess home in Frederiksted and one in Christiansted, also a home for older girls in Frederiksted. Like institutions are also located in St. Thomas.

I shall try to answer the questions given me before going to the Danish West Indies. [This refers to questions asked of Pastor Kildegaard by the president of the General Council.]

1. The pastors here are expecting to return to Denmark, as soon as conditions will permit them to do so. They do not want to sever their connections with the Church of Denmark; however, they do not expect to leave the islands before some arrangements have been made for the continuance of the work, and are all very desirous that connection should be made with the General Council. They all expressed the hope that the General Council could find men who could succeed them in the work, and are willing to remain another year, if necessary. One of them, Rev. Kastrup, is willing to remain and serve for a number of years for the General Council. If everything else is arranged there may not be expected any difficulty in connecting the congregations to the General Council.

2. Inquiries have been made but no steps have been taken to secure connection with any Christian body, except that application has been made to a mission body in Denmark to continue the work. No answer has been received, and it may take some time before a decision is reached; it is hardly expected anything will be done from this source, especially when it is considered that the present workers are advising that the work in the future should be conducted by the General Council. [An answer has since been received, advising connection with General Council.]

3. The establishment of a new relation will be effected by a vote of the members and not through an act of government. [Formal application has been made.] The congregations, however, are not considered competent to be self-governing at present; good members constitute them, but they have not been trained to take an active part in the work.

The opinion of the present pastors is that a new board should be established to conduct the work. They believe the work here is very different from the work in Porto Rico. This being a mission of a different character, it is continuance of old work which was commenced 200 years ago. (Advised to omit the word "mission" in naming the board.)

It is also considered advisable to continue this work in a similar way at

present in regard to the liturgy, gown, hymn book, etc. Present hymn book of the General Council is considered too deep water for the natives of the West Indies.

4. The duties of the board conducting this work should be to find the necessary workers, both men and women, as well as the needed money, similar to the work of the past by the Danish West Indies Church Committee in Denmark (7 or 8 members).

It would be advisable if the president of this board were one of the workers on the islands and that the board and the workers could reciprocate giving and receiving advice.

5 and 6. Not such a great number will leave on account of the withdrawal of the Danish Government. Approximately 200 or 250 will leave, changing the total membership of all the churches from 3,200 to 3,000. The change will hardly be felt.

7. The congregations are very peaceably disposed towards each other, and there does not seem to be any danger of political troubles, unless the race question should be raised by the Americans. They are well aware that the race question is less emphasized here than elsewhere.

8. The Church as it is now cannot be expected to do mission work among the American new comers. Men capable of doing this should be sent there from the United States. As it is, it is a colored church and present pastors do not feel that they are fitted for this work.

9. The method of transfer of the work to the General Council should be as gradual as possible. Best if a man from the United States could be sent soon, not later than October 31, 1917. This should be a good and strong man (physically and spiritually). He should be stationed at St. Thomas. Rev. Kastrup could then perhaps eventually go to St. Croix.

10. Reply from Home Board in Denmark is awaited, and nothing official can be done until this comes. In the meantime preparations could be made and the work taken over as soon as possible. October 31 would be a desirable time, or not later than December 1, 1917. As previously mentioned, pastors here desire to return home as soon as possible. [Reply has been received.]

11. If the islands had not been sold, Rev. Faber would have left in July, 1917. That would have caused a vacancy. He is willing to remain a little longer than until that time, although he feels that he needs a change of climate; condition of his health makes this imperative. He has been longest in the tropics. Pastor Bergh desires to leave in the Fall of 1917, although he is not unwilling to remain a short while longer if necessary.

Provost Helweg Larsen also desires to leave for home as soon as possible, but is willing to remain until some time in 1918, if his presence, aid and advice can be useful to the workers who come there as strangers.

Rev. Kastrup is willing to remain several years. He would prefer to remain in St. Thomas, but would undoubtedly consent to go to St. Croix. I consider it very fortunate that he is willing to remain. He is a good man, well fitted to the work, and his experience there is of great value.

12. I should think it possible to find the right man here in America to take charge of the work in the Danish West Indies. The Danish officials there now might be critical toward the American pastors, but they will all leave, and said danger need not be considered.

13. Energetic men should have charge of the work. These should be entrusted with the work and ask for necessary funds, which the board should supply.

14. According to present arrangements, the yearly appropriation was made by the Danish Government. This is given over to the local bank. Pastors and others receive their salaries by giving receipt to bank. At present this appropriation amounts to about \$12,000.00 per annum.

As for the future a "fund" has been asked for, so large that the earnings or receipts from it may keep all Church property in good repair. This appropriation is expected, and it is further expected that it will be about \$40,000.00. If it then could earn about 5 per cent. the receipts from it would amount to \$2,000.00 per year.

15. Such funds in the future would include all expenses, including salary of ministers, care, repair, etc., of churches, except what the before mentioned fund might earn and perhaps a total of \$2,000.00 which could be raised by the congregations themselves.

That which is considered absolutely necessary is as follows:

Salary:

Ministers, at least 3, each \$1,200.00.....	\$ 3,600 00
Parish clerk for Kingshill	480 00
Parish clerk for St. John	240 00
For Buildings, repairs, etc.	1,700 00
Organist, janitor, etc.	600 00
Light \$200.00, insurance \$150.00.....	350 00
Insurance and incidentals	230 00
Traveling expenses, ministers	400 00
	\$ 7,600 00

This, however, does not include the work of charity, at present carried on by churches, work which should not be terminated, rather increased. Institutions and homes for homeless are necessary. Such work, mainly for **girls**, is now carried on quite extensively. An institution for boys should become a fact in St. Croix. It will be a moral strength to the Church if it can undertake this.

16. The present confessional position of the Church is as that of the Church of Denmark since the Reformation.

The members, however, are unfamiliar with this. Very little has been done to acquaint them with the Confessional symbols, but they consider the liturgy and order of services they are accustomed to as of very great importance, and they see much in the name Lutheran. In Denmark it has been hinted that the Moravians take up the work conducted by the Lutherans. The members, however, would not hear of this.

The faith of the members is in a general state. There is nothing un-

usual or extraordinary about it; they are mostly sincere and not as emotional as often is the case in an American colored church; "more could be desired," said one of the pastors.

17. There are a number of the members who are spiritually active and living, faithful and true. Many are passive and dormant, but not decadent. (But no minister with a decadent or dormant spirit is wanted.) A number of the colored people are easy going in their everyday life; some of them show the same in their relation to the Church.

Let me repeat what I have previously stated. I attended the services on March 4, first in St. John, then in St. Thomas. Seventy and 350, respectively, were present. They were all attentive; the singing was active and spirited; it was a pleasure to hear it. The pastors believe conditions are improving at present, and believe in future advancement and growth. Pastor Bergh remarked that the children are as intelligent and bright as those he has worked with in Denmark.

18. For the majority of the young people there is a time when they leave the Church. This is especially true of the young men. Perhaps the free church may change this for the better. There seems to be a time when the young men cannot be depended on, hence they leave Sunday-school at about 18; they often live a number of years in a questionable way (70 per cent. of the children are illegitimate). Unless, however, these young people become the subject of drink or gambling, they usually return to the Church at the age of 30 more decent than at 20.

19. As to the prospects of expansion under the government of the United States, the opinion of the residents differs. Some think the Moravian Church is falling back, and that a number of Moravians will connect themselves with the Lutheran Church. Others say such is not the case. However, there is a good will for the General Council. Thanks to Rev. Ostrom for this, and there is a marked desire to enter relationship with the General Council. Many feel very grateful to know that the General Council will take up this work.

Supplementary to this are my reports regarding the different institutions of charity, the proposed new hymn book and the proposed new home for boys, with various minor matters.

I ask that all of this be carefully considered. Personally I should like to see the work continue in such a way that nothing be subtracted from that which is now existing, but that as much as possible be added. The United States has purchased the islands on account of their geographical location; it is to be a naval base and a fortification to the Panama Canal. Geographically it is an outpost of the Lutheran Church. We may benefit by having them as a Lutheran fortification, perhaps in the future as an aid to Lutheran extension—the blessing of mankind and the glory of our Lord and Saviour. May the Holy Spirit guide us so we see His will and strengthen us, so that we may be able to act accordingly.

His humble servant,

A. C. KILDEGAARD.

Besides this work, Lutherans are doing much Inner Mission work on

the islands. In St. Thomas a children's home is conducted by a consecrated Lutheran woman, Mrs. Andrea Franks. She takes care of sick and homeless babies. Danes in the United States contribute largely to her work. She is also interested in a seamen's home in St. Thomas.

Another consecrated woman, Miss Herholt, conducts a home in St. Thomas for young girls from 12 to 20. She has taken care of many unfortunate girls, having been in the work for years. Twenty girls are there now. The property is valued at \$6,000.00.

In St. Croix there is a deaconess home—one branch at Christiansted and one at Frederiksted. Queen Louise of Denmark has personally supported this work. There is a good building at each place. Each has two deaconesses connected with it; one to visit, and one to conduct the home. They teach mothers how to care for their babies, and they have in the homes a day nursery as well as a place for sick and neglected children. Sixty to 70 little children—all under 6—are cared for at each home. The building in Christiansted is worth \$4,000.00; and that at Frederiksted, \$3,000.00. The yearly expenses are \$2,000.00.

A children's home is conducted in Frederiksted by Miss Sivertsen. It has been supported by the Ladies' Mission Society in Denmark.

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4. That the General Council set apart the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) for immediate use for the purpose stated above.

5. That the General Council lay annually upon the District Synods for the support and development of the Church in these islands an apportionment of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00).

6. That the General Council invite the General Synod and the United Synod of the South to co-operate as soon as possible in the support and development of the work.

7. That all further matters pertaining to the organizing and development of this work be left to the proposed Board in conjunction with the President of the General Council.

WILLIAM M. HÖRN, *Chairman.*

E. F. BACHMANN,

G. FRANKLIN GEHR,

CHARLES M. JACOBS,

W. D. C. KEITER,

ROBERT E. GASKELL,

JOHN B. KAERCHER,

WILLIAM H. STAAKE,

Provisional Committee.

On motion of Mr. James Gear, it was

Resolved, That we express to the State Church of Denmark our deep appreciation for the generous action in providing financial assistance for the work in the Virgin Islands and the assurance of its continual moral support.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. C. J. Smith, it was

Resolved, That the Convention heartily thanks the Provisional Committee for its handling of the matter.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. H. W. Roth, it was

Resolved, That our thanks be given to the Rev. A. Kildegaard, of New York City, for his helpful and efficient services in connection with the Virgin Islands churches.

A motion by Dr. Weller to secure American-Danish co-operation was referred to a committee, consisting of Drs. Weller, and Jacobson, and Provost Helweg Larsen, who reported, and the Convention adopted the following:

Resolved, That this Council invite the co-operation of Danish Lutheran General Bodies in the United States of America in the work undertaken in the Virgin Islands of the United States of America.

2. That we invite the Danish Lutheran General Bodies in America to appoint commissioners to meet with, and at the call of, our own Board, to confer upon ways and means of co-operation.

3. That our Board be given power to act.

The Long Meter Doxology, "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow," was sung.

Announcement of the birthday of Mr. Hager brought forth this resolution:

Resolved, That congratulations be extended to Mr. William H. Hager, Chairman of the Finance and Budget Committee, on this his Twenty-fifth Wedding Anniversary and his Fiftieth Birthday.

The Rev. Dr. N. R. Melhorn temporarily occupied the chair.

Mr. Wm. H. Hager presented the

REPORT OF FINANCE AND BUDGET COMMITTEE

BIENNIUM 1915-17

Your Committee on Finance and Budget submits the following report, divided into two sections. No. 1—Finance, which details the financial operations of the General Council during the biennium of 1915-17. No.

2—Budget, which details the apportionments made to the various Boards, and the payments by the several Synods, of the General Council.

We respectfully request a careful reading of the figures and percentages in the tabulated statement following the Budget, especially by the Officers of the Synods and the Boards, as they have been drawn up in greater detail than heretofore, to show, *first*, a comparison between 1913-15 and 1915-17 of the apportionments, receipts, per cent. shortages and overpayments and apportionments requested of the various Boards for the biennium of 1917-19; and *second*, the total shortage or overpayments in dollars and per cent. of the several Synods of the General Council in the payment of their apportionments to the various Boards.

A careful analysis of these figures by the officers of Synods and Boards should be most helpful when they meet in conference with our Committee to discuss and fix the apportionments for the coming biennium.

SECTION 1. *Finance*.—From the figures submitted to our Committee by your Treasurer covering receipts and payments to September 1, 1917 (approximately), we present a brief analysis of the finances of the General Council during the past biennium.

Total Receipts to above stated date for the biennium of 1915-17 total \$9,023, as against receipts for 1913-15 of \$5,960. Note that this total, \$9,023, includes payments of certain deficits from the previous biennium, as follows: Pittsburgh Synod, \$384; New York and New England Synod, \$250; Chicago Synod, \$320; and it is most creditable that these three Synods have met their deficit.

Expenditures to above stated date total \$5,168 (which will be further increased by \$800 probably) as against expenditures in 1913-15 of \$3,194, which shows an approximate increase of close to \$2,800.

A careful reading of the Treasurer's report will clearly show that this increase of expenditures has been fully warranted, and is due to most important meetings of regular Committees of the General Council, a certain important commission, and some increased appropriations made at the 35th convention of the General Council. The following cover a few of the most important items: Committee on Revision of Constitution at Atlantic City, about \$700. Pittsburgh meeting of Executive Committee, \$158. About \$400 for Quadri-centennial Committee, including work on proposed constitution for the United Lutheran Evangelical Church, and for expenses of the delegation to Chicago Convention of the General Synod. About \$300 for special commission to Danish West Indies. About \$350 additional (last year \$500), used by the Board of Education out of its apportionment for this biennium of \$1,000. About \$550 special appropriation for extraordinary expense in connection with 50th anniversary of the General Council and the Quadri-centennial celebration at 36th convention to be held in Philadelphia.

Balance on hand, September 1, 1917, \$10,889 (will be reduced to about \$10,000) as against \$7,034, September, 1915, or more than \$3,000 additional in spite of the substantial increase of expenditures, and it is worth

noting that this balance would be \$2,600 more, providing *all* the Synods had met their full apportionment and deficits. In view of the example set by three of the Synods (see reference in this report) in paying up their previous deficits, during 1915-17 and thus meeting in full "their business, moral and Christian obligation" to the General Council treasury, we request and will confidently expect, all those Synods in arrearage for the biennium of 1913-15 and 1915-17 to pay same up during 1918. Regardless of the business principle involved, these Synods must certainly recognize the necessity and usefulness of an adequate balance in the General Council treasury, and this is especially fortunate now, looking forward to coming events of vital importance to the General Council and the Lutheran Church in America.

SECTION 2. *Budget*.—It is with genuine regret that we must refer in this great Jubilee year to the fact that but one of the Synods of the General Council, the Central Canada Synod, has met or overpaid its total of apportionments to the various Boards, and we most heartily commend this Synod (one of the weaker branches of the General Council) in setting such a fine example through an overpayment of 78 per cent. Your Committee, upon the joint request of the various Boards of the General Council, made a special appeal early in 1917 to the Presidents of Synods to make extraordinary efforts to pay their apportionments in full for this biennium, but they have been unable to meet the request. Yet it must be said, that payments during the past biennium to most of the Boards, show smaller deficits than heretofore. This is most evident in the Slav Board and the Jewish Board, while the Foreign Mission, Porto Rico and Home Mission Boards show fair reductions in deficits. However, in the face of these continued deficits, there still comes the demand from most of the Boards (see apportionments requested in tabulated statement) for increased sums to meet the many demands for their enlarged growing fields. You will remember that your Committee took a firm stand at the 34th Convention at Rock Island against recommending any increase in apportionments, solely because it seemed entirely futile to do so, in face of the large deficits, and the deficits for the past biennium confirm the correctness of their viewpoint and will compel them to hold to their position unless the various Synods are willing to give definite assurances that these deficits will stop and that they will borrow moneys, if necessary, to meet their apportionments in full. With one of the large Boards a borrower to the extent of \$22,000 (we do not know how other Boards stand)—and this is just about the shortage of their apportionment for the past biennium—why tempt them to enlarge their work by increasing their apportionment, which, judging by present conditions, will only result in continued deficits, which are a blot upon the financial methods and integrity of the General Council and its Synods.

Your Committee, having knowledge of the fact that there is dissatisfaction over the present method of apportionment on the part of some of the Synods, is willing to confer and discuss possible changes to affect a betterment of same. However, until the General Council *does* see fit to

make a change in its present system, there should be unquestioned support of the existing method on the part of all the Synods. Further, in order to secure the moneys to meet their apportionments in full, every Synod that is delinquent in its payments should investigate very carefully, through its Conferences, the reason for the deficits of its congregations and call upon them to measure up to their obligations. We believe that a definite, constructive effort on the part of our Synods would put a stop to present deficits in the finances of our Boards, and from this time forward we most earnestly urge the utmost co-operation on the part of Synods, through their Conferences and congregations, in order that we may successfully finance the larger operations of our Lutheran Church, and in doing so, work along sound, business methods.

For various tables, see pp. 108-111.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the apportionment to the General Council treasury be fixed at \$8,000 for the biennium (half this amount, if the merger is consummated by 1918) according to the ratio of synodical apportionment for the past biennium.

2. That the General Council apportion to the different Synods for the various causes the same amounts as they did for the biennium 1915-1917, except the Kropp Commission for which no apportionment is asked. The apportionment is made for two years as in the past. If the Merger is consummated before the expiration of the year 1918, then the apportionment will only apply for that year and the amount will be one-half as recommended.

3. That the General Council create a Deficit Fund, and that each Synod be requested to accept the amount of their deficits and apportion their congregations according to its deficit to the various causes for the past biennium.

This is done to enable the Synods to pay their apportionments for the last biennium in full, and enable the various Boards to remove the debts resting upon them and allow them to go into the Merger with a clean slate.

4. That there be a conference of the representatives of the Boards and the Finance Committee to consider the establishment of a central office for all the Boards and also a standardized system of accounting.

5. That the sum of one thousand dollars be appropriated from the General Council treasury to the Education Board for the coming biennium.

6. That the sum of four hundred dollars be appropriated from the General Council treasury to the Inner Mission Committee. [Continued on page 112.]

Comparative Statement Biennium 1913-15, with 1915-17 General Council Appor-

SYNODS OF GENERAL COUNCIL		FOREIGN MISSIONS						ENGLISH HOME		
		Apportioned Biennium 1913-1915	Received Biennium 1913-1915	Per cent. 1913-15 Shortage or Overpaid	Apportioned Biennium 1915-1917	Received Biennium 1915-1917	Per cent. 1915-17 Shortage or Overpaid	Apportionment Requested Biennium 1917-1919	Apportioned Biennium 1913-1915	Received Biennium 1913-1915
1	Penna. Ministerium....	\$56,000	\$46,760	16 ² / ₅	\$56,000	\$49,037	12 ¹ / ₃	\$70,000	\$80,000	\$54,010 00
2	N. Y. Ministerium.....	13,800	7,739	43 ¹ / ₅	13,800	9,118	33 ³ / ₄	17,250	2,000	546 00
3	Pittsburgh Synod.....	13,000	13,420	3 ¹ / ₄ †	15,200	19,759†	30 ¹ / ₃ †	19,000	11,200	6,598 00
4	District Synod of Ohio.	5,800	3,838	33 ³ / ₄	5,800	4,762	18	7,250	12,000	9,300 00
5	Augustana Synod.....	49,000	45,968	6 ¹ / ₅	50,000	50,349†	2 ³ / ₄ †	62,500	.....	.....
6	Canada Synod.....	5,800	2,559	55 ³ / ₄	5,800	2,866	50 ² / ₃	7,250	.....	.....
7	Chicago Synod.....	3,200	1,680	47 ¹ / ₂	3,200	2,227	30 ¹ / ₃	4,000	7,200†	†7,810 00
8	Synod of Northwest....	5,600	2,376	57 ¹ / ₂	5,600	4,268	24	7,000	6,000	4,407 00
9	Manitoba Synod.....	800	550	31 ¹ / ₄	800	263	67	1,000	.....	.....
10	Pacific Synod.....	2,400	15	99 ¹ / ₃	1,200	242	80	1,500	1,400	435 00
11	N. Y. and N. E. Synod.	17,000	11,450	33	17,000	13,651	19 ² / ₃	21,250	14,500	6,021 00
12	Nova Scotia Synod....	1,000	579	42	1,000	249	75	1,250	2,500	634 00
13	Central Canada Synod.	600	832	38 ³ / ₃ †	600	933†	55 †	750	1,600	1,101 00
14	Texas.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
15	Other.....	6,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
16	Total.....	\$180,000	\$137,766	23 ¹ / ₂	\$176,000	\$157,894	10 ¹ / ₃	\$220,000	\$138,400	\$90,862 00
		PORTO RICO MISSIONS						SLAV		
17	Penna. Ministerium....	\$9,672	\$6,128	36	\$9,672	\$6,508	33 ² / ₅	\$13,540	\$15,800	\$11,669 66
18	N. Y. Ministerium.....	3,332	861	74	3,332	1,171	65	4,665	3,350	1,294 96
19	Pittsburgh Synod.....	4,000	2,214	45	4,000	2,879	28	5,600	5,000	2,448 23
20	District Synod of Ohio.	2,668	1,324	50	2,668	1,257	53	3,735	1,500	1,091 35
21	Augustana Synod.....	10,000	10,267	2†	10,000	10,676†	6 ³ / ₄ †	14,000	2,000	110 45
22	Canada Synod.....	.....	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	500	143 23
23	Chicago Synod.....	2,000	433	78	2,000	487	75 ² / ₅	2,800	700	213 70
24	Synod of Northwest....	1,668	873	48	1,668	1,181	29 ¹ / ₅	2,335	700	353 68
25	Manitoba Synod.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	80	65 00
26	Pacific Synod.....	164	5	97	164	4	97	230	120	.....
27	N. Y. and N. E. Synod.	2,336	917	61	2,336	1,114	52 ² / ₅	3,270	3,350	992 63
28	Nova Scotia Synod....	84	79	6	84	48	40 ² / ₅	118	100	72 00
29	Central Canada Synod.	76	98	†36†	76	135†	49 ² / ₅ †	106	200	136 25
30	Texas.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
31	Other.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	776	.....	.....	.....	.....
		.....	.....	.....	.....	205	.....	.....	.....	.....
32	Total.....	\$36,000	\$23,012	36	\$36,000	\$26,441	26 ¹ / ₂	\$50,399	\$33,400	\$18,591 14
		KROPP COMMISSION						STUDENTS		
33	Penna. Ministerium....	\$5,000	\$3,426	31 ² / ₅	\$2,500	\$2,453	2	\$2,500	\$2,000	\$470 00
34	N. Y. Ministerium.....	4,000	2,426	39 ¹ / ₅	2,000	1,574	21 ² / ₅	2,000	800	.....
35	Pittsburgh Synod.....	700	457	35	350	430†	23†	350	1,200	536 00
36	District Synod of Ohio.	250	8	97	125	.....	100	125	800	542 00
37	Augustana Synod.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,000	1,350 00
38	Canada Synod.....	1,600	450	72	800	.....	100	800	.....	.....
39	Chicago Synod.....	100	.....	100	50	.....	100	50	800	.....
40	Synod of Northwest....	100	.....	100	50	.....	100	50	1,000	887 00
41	Manitoba Synod.....	250	15	94	125	.....	100	125	50	.....
42	Pacific Synod.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	50	.....
43	N. Y. and N. E. Synod.	200	.....	100	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,200	.....
44	Nova Scotia Synod....	100	.....	100	50	.....	100	50	50	.....
45	Central Canada Synod.	100	5	95	50	.....	100	50	50	8 00
46	Texas.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
47	Other.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
48	Total.....	\$12,400	\$6,787	45 ¹ / ₄	\$6,100	\$4,457	27	\$6,100	\$10,000	\$3,778 00

General Council Treasury.

*Overpaid \$120.00. ||Arrearage \$384—1913-15. *||Paid Arrearage \$1,040—1913-15. *†Paid Arrearage \$1,040—1915-17

Penna. Ministerium.	Pittsburgh Synod.	Augustana Synod.	Chh.
†Overpaid Total Apportionment.			

tionment—Payments—Per Cent Shortage—Apportionment Requested, 1917-19.

MISSIONS						GERMAN HOME MISSIONS						
	Per cent. 1913-15 Shortage or Overpaid	Apportioned Biennium 1915-1917	Received Biennium 1915-1917	Per cent. 1915-17 Shortage or Overpaid	Apportionment Requested Biennium 1917-1919	Apportioned Biennium 1913-1915	Received Biennium 1913-1915	Per cent. 1913-15 Shortage or Overpaid	Apportioned Biennium 1915-1917	Received Biennium 1915-1917	Per cent. 1915-17 Shortage or Overpaid	Apportionment Requested Biennium 1917-1919
1	33	\$80,000	\$59,542	25 ² / ₂	\$100,000	\$22,000	\$11,079	49 ⁷ / ₁₀	\$25,200	\$14,531	42 ¹ / ₃	\$25,200
2	72 ³ / ₄	2,000	877	55 ¹ / ₄	4,000	10,000	3,850	62 ³ / ₅	13,000	6,128	52 ⁴ / ₅	13,000
3	41 ³ / ₄	30,000	19,401	35 ¹ / ₃	32,000	3,000	1,945	35 ⁴ / ₁₀	4,200	3,539	15 ³ / ₄	4,200
4	22 ² / ₂	12,000	10,325	14	15,000	200	301	50 ² / ₂	500	323	35 ² / ₂	500
5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3,000	1,368	54 ² / ₂	4,500	1,215	73	4,500
7	8 ² / ₂	8,000	7,390	7 ² / ₂	9,000	150	.....	100	270	.....	100	270
8	19 ⁹ / ₁₀	7,000	8,590†	18 ² / ₂ †	10,000	150	132	12 ² / ₃	270	193	28	270
9	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,000	137	86 ⁴ / ₁₀	1,000	.....	100	1,000
10	66 ² / ₂	1,200	819	32	1,500	150	36	75 ⁴ / ₅	450	30	93 ² / ₂	450
11	58 ² / ₇	14,500	9,056	37 ² / ₂	16,000	350	7	98	500	109	78	500
12	74 ² / ₃	2,500	2,101	16	3,000	.....	.....	.....	50	.....	100	50
13	31 ¹ / ₅	1,600	1,975†	23†	2,000	.....	.....	.....	60	.....	100	60
14	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
15	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
16	34	\$158,800	\$120,076	24 ¹ / ₂	\$192,500	\$40,000	\$18,855	47 ¹ / ₁₀	\$50,000	\$26,068	47	\$50,000
MISSIONS						JEWISH MISSIONS						
17	26	\$16,800	\$13,996	16 ³ / ₃	\$18,480	\$6,000	\$1,030	82 ⁵ / ₅	\$2,500	\$1,706	32	\$3,600
18	61	3,400	1,220	64	3,740	1,000	72	92 ⁴ / ₅	300	91	70	600
19	51	5,400	3,906	27 ³ / ₃	5,940	3,000	1,640	45 ¹ / ₃	2,500	2,005	20	2,600
20	25	1,500	1,637†	7 ⁴ / ₄ †	1,650	800	155	8 ⁵ / ₃	300	234	22	650
21	95	500	258	48	550	1,200	197	83 ¹ / ₂	300	686†	129†	900
22	72	500	193	61 ² / ₂	550	100	15	85	50	42	17	75
23	70	700	804†	13†	770	300	150	50	300	200	33 ¹ / ₃	330
24	50	700	630	10	770	300	200	33 ¹ / ₃	300	282	6	350
25	19	80	.....	100	90	50	.....	100	50	.....	100	30
26	100	120	.....	100	130	50	.....	100	25	.....	100	30
27	70	3,400	2,071	39	3,740	1,000	12	98 ⁴ / ₅	300	89	70	700
28	28	100	67	33	110	100	5	95	15	15	70	60
29	32	200	1,642†	72†	220	100	35	65	25	30†	17†	75
30	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
31	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
32	45	\$33,400	\$26,424	20	\$36,740	\$14,000	\$3,511	74 ³ / ₄	\$7,000	\$5,397	23	\$10,000
UNIVERSITY WORK						GENERAL COUNCIL TREASURER						
33	76 ¹ / ₂	\$2,000	\$1,047	47 ³ / ₄	\$2,000	\$2,240	\$2,240	.....	\$2,240	\$2,360†	5 ¹ / ₃ †	\$2,240
34	100	800	.....	100	800	800	250	68 ³ / ₄	800	800	.....	800
35	55 ¹ / ₂	1,200	772	35 ² / ₃	1,200	416†	916||	.....	800	*1,184†	48†	800
36	32 ¹ / ₄	800	523	35	800	800†	400	.....	416	200	52	416
37	32 ² / ₂	2,000	1,000	50	2,000	2,080	1,050	49 ² / ₂	2,080	*2,080	.....	*||2,080
38	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	128	128	.....	128	*67	48	128
39	.....	800	.....	100	800	320	.....	100	320	*640†	100†	320
40	11 ¹ / ₃	1,000	916	8 ² / ₅	1,000	320	100	68 ³ / ₄	320	×	100	320
41	100	50	.....	100	50	64	.....	100	64	.....	100	64
42	100	50	.....	100	50	64	.....	100	64	64	58	64
43	100	.....	42	.....	.....	736	257	65	736	*985*	34†	736
44	100	50	.....	100	50	32	32	100	32	32	.....	32
45	16	50	34	32	50	.....	39	.....	.....	18	.....	.....
46	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
47	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
48	62 ¹ / ₅	\$8,800	\$4,334	50 ³ / ₄	\$8,800	\$8,000	\$5,412	32 ¹ / ₄	\$8,000	\$8,41299†	5 ¹ / ₅ †	\$8,000

age \$320—1913-15. Paid Arrearage \$249.78—1913-15. X Paid nothing from 1913 to 1917.
Shortage \$640.00.
cago Synod. New York and New England Synod Synod of Northwest

General Council Apportionments for the Biennium 1917-1919

General Council Apportionments to the Synods		Foreign Missions	English Home Missions	German Home Missions	Porto Rico Missions	Slav Missions	Jewish Missions	Students' University Work	Virgin Islands Missions	General Council Treasury	Deficit Fund	Total Synodical Apportionments
1	Pennsylvania Ministerium.	\$56,000	\$80,000	\$25,200	\$9,672	\$16,800	\$2,500	\$2,000	\$5,200	\$2,240	\$45,852	\$245,464
2	New York Ministerium.	13,800	2,000	13,000	3,332	3,400	300	800	1,800	800	18,463	57,695
3	Pittsburgh Synod.	15,200	30,000	4,200	4,000	5,400	2,500	1,200	2,200	800	14,798	80,298
4	District Synod of Ohio.	5,800	12,000	500	2,668	1,500	300	800	1,000	416	4,985	29,969
5	Augustana Synod.	50,000	.....	.....	10,000	500	300	2,000	5,000	2,080	2,282	72,162
6	Canada Synod.	5,800	.....	4,500	.....	500	50	.....	600	128	7,395	18,973
7	Chicago Synod.	3,200	8,000	270	2,000	700	300	800	850	320	4,316	20,756
8	Synod of Northwest.	5,600	7,000	270	1,668	700	300	1,000	850	320	2,438	20,146
9	Manitoba Synod.	800	.....	1,000	.....	80	50	50	100	64	906	3,050
10	Pacific Synod.	1,200	1,200	450	164	120	25	50	200	64	2,114	5,587
11	New York and New England Synod.	17,000	14,500	500	2,336	3,400	300	.....	1,900	736	11,946	52,618
12	Nova Scotia Synod.	1,000	2,500	50	84	100	50	50	200	32	1,404	5,470
13	Central Synod Canada.	600	1,600	60	76	200	25	50	100	.....	126	2,837
Total for Biennium.....		\$176,000	\$158,800	\$50,000	\$36,000	\$33,400	\$7,000	\$8,800	\$20,000	\$8,000	\$117,025	\$615,025

DEFICIT APPORTIONMENTS

DEFICIT FUND APPORTIONMENT FOR 1917-19

Deficit Fund Apportioned for 1917-1919	Pennsylvania	Per cent.	New York	Ministerium	Per cent.	Pittsburgh	Per cent.	Ohio	Per cent.	Augustana	Per cent.	Canada	Per cent.	Chicago	Per cent.	Synod of Northwest	Per cent.	Manitoba	Per cent.	Pacific	Per cent.	New York and New England	Per cent.	Nova Scotia	Per cent.	Central Canada	Per cent.	Total Shortage
Home Missions.....	\$20,458	25½	\$1,123	55¼	\$10,599	35½	\$1,675	14	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	\$610	7½	.....	.....	.....	.....	\$381	32	\$5,444	37½	\$399	16	.....	.....	.....
Foreign Missions.....	6,963	12½	4,692	33¾	.....	.....	1,038	18	.....	.....	.....	\$2,934	50¾	973	30¾	\$1,332	24	\$537	67	958	80	3,349	19¾	751	75	.....	.....	.....
German Missions.....	10,669	42½	6,872	52.8	661	15¾	177	35½	.....	.....	.....	3,285	73	270	100	77	28	.....	.....	420	93¾	391	78	50	100	\$60	100	.....
Porto Rico Missions.....	3,164	33½	2,161	65	1,121	28	1,411	53	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,513	75½	487	29.2	.....	.....	160	97	1,222	52½	36	40½	.....	.....	.....
Slavish Missions.....	2,804	16¾	2,180	64	1,494	27¾	.....	.....	.....	\$ 242	48	307	61½	.....	.....	70	10	80	100	120	100	1,329	39	33	33	.....	.....	.....
Jewish Missions.....	794	32	209	70	495	20	66	22	.....	.....	.....	8	17	100	33¾	18	6	50	100	25	100	211	70	35	70	.....	.....	.....
Kropps Commiss'n.....	47	2	426	21½	.....	.....	125	100	.....	.....	.....	800	100	50	100	50	100	125	100	.....	.....	.....	.....	50	100	50	100	.....
General Council Treasury.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	216	52	.....	1,040*	.....	61	.....	.....	.....	320	100	64	100	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Student Work.....	953	47¾	800	100	428	35¾	277	35	.....	1,000	50	.....	.....	800	100	84	8.4	50	100	50	100	.....	.....	50	100	16	3240	.....
Total.....	\$45,852	.....	\$18,463	.....	\$14,798	.....	\$4,985	.....	\$2,282	.....	.....	\$7,395	.....	\$4,316	.....	\$2,438	.....	\$906	.....	\$2,114	.....	\$11,946	.....	\$1,404	.....	\$126	.....	\$117,025

*NOTE—The totals of their deficit fund apportionment differ from the "Statement of Total Shortage" in the General Council Bulletin, because in the latter, certain over payments are credited as made by certain Synods. In the Deficit Fund it was necessary to apportion the deficit regardless of any overpayments.

7. That an apportionment be laid upon the Synods to cover the \$3,000 deficit of the Quadi-Centennial Committee, and that the Budget Committee have power to borrow as much as may be necessary.

8. That an appropriation be made from the General Council treasury of \$250 each to necessary expenses of the President's office and the Secretary's office.

9. That the Treasurer of the General Council be instructed to invest \$5,000 in Liberty Bonds.

10. That according to the direction of the General Council, the Treasurer be instructed to pay \$1,000 to the Mission Board of the Virgin Islands.

WM. H. HAGER,

Chairman Finance and Budget Committee.

The report, with all of its resolutions, was adopted.

On motion of Dr. C. M. Jacobs, it was

Resolved, That all War Work Reports be made the special order for ten o'clock Monday morning.

Mr. Leemhuis reported for the Auditors of the Treasurer's accounts. See First Session.

After prayer by the Rev. G. H. Trabert, D.D., of Minneapolis, Minn., the Convention adjourned.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Friday, October 26, 2 P. M.

The Rev. G. Keller Rubrecht, of Milwaukee, Wis., conducted the devotional service.

The President appointed the following Committees:

1. *On Board Nominations*—The Rev. N. R. Melhorn, D.D., H. A. Weller, D.D., A. Appell, E. A. Trabert, Mr. J. S. B. Kaercher, R. D. Wenrich, M.D.

2. *On Nominations for Standing Committees*—The Rev. Drs. G. F. Gehr, F. F. Fry, G. A. Benze, Messrs. John Snyder, W. H. Hager, J. B. Franke, G. F. Greiner, Esq., and Prof. Geo. H. Ryden.

3. *Tellers for Elections*—The Revs. A. J. Holl, J. LeRoy Miller, W. J. Seiberling, W. P. Christy, Messrs. James Gear, F. P. D. Miller, Frederick Sachse, D. M. Yost, F. B. Kalmbach.

Rev. George Drach presented the

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS

PART I.

HOME ADMINISTRATION

To the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America.

DEAR BRETHREN:—"This is the victory which overcometh the world, even our faith." The kingdom of Christ must become world-wide. Nothing, not even such a war as the one in which the world is now engaged, whatever its consequences may be, must be allowed to thwart the purpose of Christ to make disciples of all nations nor to diminish our zeal for the accomplishment of this purpose. Greater than any earthly conflict, more important and far-reaching in its ultimate effect, more significant and final in its influence on the character of men and nations and on their many intricate relations, is the conflict of Christianity with non-Christianity. There is absolutely no doubt in our minds as to the final outcome of this, the greatest of all wars, for we have God's word and promise: "The kingdom of this world is become the kingdom of our God and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever."

In this Christian confidence we ask you to read and consider the report of your Board of Foreign Missions concerning the work it has done during the past two years, to heed its appeals for your continued and increasing

support and to share with it the conviction that despite every obstacle put in the way, its effort to assist in the great unfinished task of fulfilling the Saviour's last command and commission enjoys the sanction and benediction of Him Who has promised to be with His Church even unto the end of the ages, especially in the work of foreign missions, the work of spreading His Gospel in all the non-Christian world.

We rejoice in the support given by the Home Church to its Missions in India and Japan. We thank God for the increasing number of friends of the great cause in our congregations, for the more earnest and constant appeals from our pulpits for men, women and money to preach and teach the Gospel in our mission fields abroad, for the confidence reposed in our Board as the body chosen to administer the affairs of our missions, for the fidelity and efficiency of our missionaries in these trying times and for all the blessings bestowed upon our foreign mission work. We present this report with the firm conviction that whatever our faults and weaknesses may have spoiled, whatever the criticism of the enemies of our cause may denounce or whatever its friends may praise, God rules in heaven above, loves the world with an infinite love in Christ Jesus and uses us as His agents and instruments to accomplish His purpose.

THE WAR AND OUR MISSION IN INDIA

The war has effected the work of foreign missions more directly and profoundly than any other activity of the Church, because foreign missions are world-wide in scope and aim, and practically every nation on earth is involved in this Christian effort either as an active participant in the work or as a recipient of its benefits.

It was inevitable, after the leading Christian nations of the world had arrayed themselves on the two sides of this gigantic conflict, fighting on the one side as the Allies and on the other as the Central Powers, that the foreign fields and missionaries of the belligerent nations should suffer severely as a consequence. Only after the war is over will it be possible to estimate what irreparable injury it has inflicted upon the interests of the kingdom of God in the belligerent countries and upon its extension in non-Christian lands.

It will not be necessary in this connection to review conditions as they existed before the war and as they now are, after more than three years of warfare, in all the colonies of the European nations to which Christian missionaries had been sent; but, inasmuch as our chief mission field lies in India, we ought to try to understand the peculiar difficulties of our work in that empire. India is a British colony; but before the war it was common ground for Christian missions from many nations, including England, Scotland, Germany, Sweden, Denmark, and the United States. Germany was interested in the Christianization of the Hindus almost as much as England or the United States. German missionary societies were conducting five large and flourishing missions in this British colony, and four of the five were under the control and direction of Lutheran societies.

Probably four-fifths of the approximately 400 German missionaries in British India at the outbreak of the war, were Lutheran missionaries. That they were doing splendid work for the spread of the Gospel and extension of the kingdom of Christ, even those who are now their political enemies will testify. Their internment or deportation left almost 200,000 native converts to Christianity without the customary and beneficent care and guidance of the foreign missionary. It is true that since the outbreak of the war the various fields of the former German missions in India have been temporarily and provisionally supervised by neighboring missions other than German, but this supervision has in no case been adequate and the fields are suffering greatly for lack of proper attention. In the cases of the three German Lutheran missions which turned to America for relief, the Breklum, the Hermannsburg and the Leipsic missions, little could be done for them, because the American Lutheran missions in India were woefully undermanned and our joint appeals for special contributions for relief work met with a limited and inadequate response. Despite the small number of ordained missionaries in the service of the Board of Foreign Missions of the General Council, we were able to assist the Foreign Mission Board of the Joint Synod of Ohio in its effort to care for the former Hermannsburg mission with special reference to the two stations which had been transferred to this Board shortly before the war, by the loan of the service of Rev. Karl L. Wolters for a number of months; and more recently, at the earnest solicitation of the Missionary Society of the Church of Sweden, sent by Archbishop Soederblom and transmitted to our Board through the President of the Augustana Synod, our mission has appointed Rev. Thure Holmer to do such relief work as may lie in his power in the field of the former Leipsic mission, now cared for by the Church of Sweden Missionary Society.

Our chief interest, however, is in the former Breklum mission, whose territory lies largely in the Jeypore District, directly north of our own mission field in India. As soon as war was declared, the Breklum Missionary Society turned to the Board of Foreign Missions of the General Council for help to preserve its work, and the Rev. Ernst Neudoerffer was placed in charge of its mission. The government of India has sanctioned his employment in that field and by the aid of a motor-cycle he has been able to accomplish a great deal, though he can give only his spare time to relief work, being still in charge of the large Bhimawaram district of our own mission. Now that the war has continued for over three years and the prospects for a speedy peace are not bright, the Breklum Missionary Society has asked us to accept the following agreement:

AGREEMENT

1. All the outlay the Mission of the General Council has made for the Breklum Missionary Society until April 1, 1917, will be repaid by the Breklum Missionary Society after peace has been concluded.

2. If the Breklum Missionary Society after the war is over from one reason or other should not be able to return to its former Mission Field

in India, this Mission Field will be taken up by the General Council, who in such a case is responsible for all outlays of money made for the work on the said field after April 1, 1917. Regarding the mission property a special agreement must then be made after the end of the war.

3. If the Breklum Missionary Society, as it wishes to do, after peace has been concluded, can again take up its work in India, it repays to the General Council also all the outlays this society may have made in working the Breklum Mission Field after April 1, 1917.

The difficulties of the present time compel us to make this proposal.

Yours Sincerely,

D. BRACKER.

The former Breklum mission, in point of the number of converts, is the largest Lutheran mission in South India. If it were to be conducted by us on the same scale as by the Breklum Society before the war, it would require an expenditure of funds approximately equal to that which we appropriate for our own mission in India. In response to our appeal for relief funds special contributions were received amounting to about \$500 a month. While we might be able to count on the continuation of these special contributions and are hoping that in any event they will not be discontinued, we must make provision for a sufficient and steady income for the work which is to be done in the former Breklum mission. This can be done only by an increase of the amount apportioned for foreign missions by the General Council. When we, therefore, ask for an increase of 25 percent in the apportionment, we do it largely for the sake of being able to meet the requirements of the proposed agreement with the Breklum Missionary Society. We request the General Council both to approve the agreement and to grant the increased apportionment. We shall then be able to regard and to treat this mission field as a part of our own mission work at least for the period of the war's duration, though even with the apportionment increased as requested, we shall find it difficult to do more than to hold together the better part of the present mission work.

We are also continuing to assist the Togoland mission in Africa by contributing \$50.00 a month, the same amount being contributed by the Board of the General Synod.

NEW MISSIONARIES FORBIDDEN TO ENTER INDIA

While the war has not interfered much with the work of our missionaries on the field in India, nor prevented missionaries from returning to India after furlough in America, it has made it impossible for any American Lutheran Board to send new missionaries to India. The government of India, dealing with our boards through the British Embassy at Washington, continues to withhold permission for our missionaries under appointment to leave for India. In 1916 we commissioned two ordained men and four single women, who are still in America awaiting permission to go to India. The two ordained men have temporarily accepted pastorates and the young ladies have sought to improve the time by making

further preparation for their work as missionaries. After the United States entered the war on the side of the Allies the Board hoped that permission might be secured to send out these missionaries in the fall of 1917, but the British Embassy at Washington replied that "there has been no such change in general conditions in the few months since permission was definitely refused to these applicants as would justify the Ambassador in again presenting their names for consideration." Under these circumstances we are especially grateful to God for preserving the health and strength of our missionaries on the field, putting it into their hearts to offer to forego the privilege of furlough (Rev. K. L. Wolters has been at work in India for thirteen consecutive years) and granting them wisdom and grace for the conduct of their lives under most trying conditions. We also feel that we ought to prepare ourselves to be financially able after the war or earlier, if permission is given, to send out an unusually large number of new missionaries, both men and women, which an increased apportionment will enable us to do.

THREE MISSIONARIES LOST

As a result of war-time conditions in India our Mission has lost three ordained missionaries. Rev. Rudolph Arps is still at Manila, P. I., with his wife and daughter, all the efforts of the Board as well as of Rev. Mr. Arps to secure permission for him to leave Manila and enter the United States thus far being unsuccessful. They have been in Manila since November 25, 1915, but the Board will continue to support them there until the way opens for them to be released from what practically amounts to an internment.

On November 27, 1916, Rev. C. F. Kuder, D.D., with his wife and three youngest children, and Rev. and Mrs. O. O. Eckardt landed at San Francisco. Dr. Kuder had been in India for less than two years on his third term of service as a missionary, and Rev. Eckardt less than one year on his second term. Both returned voluntarily after the consent of the Mission had been secured, because they wished to save the Mission from any annoyance or hindrance in its work due to the disfavor of government officials, into which these two missionaries had inadvertently fallen. Rev. Mr. Eckardt's relation to the Board ceased on January 1, 1917, and Dr. Kuder's on July 1, 1917.

The loss of these men reduces our force of ordained men in India to nine, while the number of women missionaries has risen to thirteen.

Nothing has interfered with our mission work in Japan, where we have increased our force during the past two years to six ordained missionaries.

CONCERNING MISSIONARIES

The only unordained missionary of our Board in India is Prof. Hiram H. Sipes, Jr., who has had charge of the Boys' High School at Peddapur, where he has done excellent work. The amount needed for his support has been furnished by the Laymen's Missionary Movement of the Pitts-

burgh Synod. Prof. Sipes tells us that there are wonderful opportunities for unordained men in our mission field; but because of the lack of ordained men and the need of evangelistic work which can be done only by ordained missionaries, Prof. Sipes has asked for permission to return to the United States to study theology and to be sent back to the mission as an ordained man. The Board has granted this request, which has the approval of the Mission, on condition that Prof. Sipes succeeds in making arrangements with the Indian Government for his return to India after his ordination in America.

In December, 1915, the Mission celebrated the 25th Anniversary of Miss Agnes I. Schade's service as a missionary in India. The Board passed appropriate resolutions and sent them to Miss Schade and the Women's Missionary Society presented her with an anniversary gift of \$350.00, which Miss Schade generously decided to use for the higher education of Christian girls.

Mrs. Olivia Isaacson, widow of Rev. H. E. Isaacson, D.D., died at Lindsborg, Kansas, on May 25, 1917, aged 43 years, 7 months and 21 days. After the death of her husband in India in 1914, the Board paid Mrs. Isaacson an annual pension and children's allowance under the Rules. This allowance will be continued, though the pension ceases with Mrs. Isaacson's death. Her influence and service as a missionary's wife in India were most praiseworthy and beneficent.

Among those who have returned to the Mission in India during the past two years are Miss Sigrid Esberhn and Miss Agatha Tatge. The latter, supported by the Church of the Advent, New York City, has spent most of her time at the Sanatorium for Tubercular Patients at Madanapalle, where she has been employed as the Supervising Nurse. Our Mission has been invited to join in the work and administration of this Sanatorium, which is conducted by a number of Missions in South India and to which a number of patients from our own mission have been sent. Before accepting this invitation and contributing the sum of \$66 or more a year for its maintenance or allowing Miss Tatge to become permanently associated with this work, the Board awaits the action of the General Council concerning co-operation in this institution, as well as in the Medical College for Women at Vellore, India.

MEDICAL MISSION WORK

Dr. Betty A. Nilsson has done remarkable work at the Hospital for Women and Children at Rajahmundry, India. During the calendar year 1916, she treated 1,023 patients in the Hospital and the Dispensary was visited by 6,611 patients as often as 17,187 times. She had 1,477 operations to perform. All this work was done by Dr. Betty A. Nilsson alone. It is too bad that no one can be found to help her. The Board and the Foreign Mission Committee of the Women's Missionary Society have done all they could to find someone to send as an assistant medical missionary. After a lengthy correspondence and a number of interviews

with a young Indian woman, who had studied medicine in the United States, our negotiations with her failed because she declined to accept the terms of the contract offered her by the Board. Later we corresponded with a lady physician of Canadian birth who at first expressed willingness to consider a call from our Board but afterwards informed us that she could not go to India at this time. Neither of these young women were Lutherans by conviction and training. Our appeals for women physicians belonging to the Lutheran Church have had no response. Neither has it been possible for the Women's Missionary Society as yet to secure a young woman for the study of medicine. There are prospects, however, of such a student entering the Medical College in 1918.

MEDICAL COLLEGE FOR WOMEN, SOUTH INDIA

Our difficulty in securing competent medical missionaries is shared by other Boards. As a consequence a Union Medical College for Women has been started at Vellore, India, with the intention of furnishing a sufficient medical education to promising young native women, who after graduation in medicine are to assist the foreign medical missionaries in the Hospital and Dispensary work. The Indian Government has given 129 acres of land, \$60,000.00 has been contributed by an interested woman in the United States, and the missions of South India are co-operating in the undertaking. Our Mission has been invited to co-operate on the common basis of an annual contribution of \$1,000.00, which will entitle it to representation in the General Council of Missionaries in South India and which will give the Board the right to appoint two representatives on the American Section of the Board of Governors. The General Council is asked to decide whether the Board may co-operate in this institution and if the action of the General Council is favorable, the Women's Missionary Society will be requested to guarantee the annual contribution. The following recommendation of a special committee of the Board is, therefore, herewith presented for ratification and approval:

"Your Committee on Medical College for Women, South India, beg leave to report that we have taken into consideration the papers in which our Board is invited to become a participant in the Council of said institution, as well as in the privileges which will result therefrom, and that in our opinion it would be well for our Board to accept this offer, not so much because of the immediate help for our field, as rather in regard to future benefits. The people of India and the Christian Church there will more and more have to develop into a self-sustaining organization, managing to a large extent its own affairs and procuring the necessary means. We, therefore, recommend that our Board enter into co-operation with the Indian Council and the American Section of the Board of Governors as outlined in the letter from Lewis R. Scudder."

Our Mission in India has taken favorable action, urging the Board to adopt the resolution to co-operate in this College and Dr. Betty A. Nilsson writes, "Inasmuch as it has not been possible to secure a doctor

from America for our work out here, we think it desirable and necessary that our Mission should help in this enterprise, so that in the future we may be able to get doctors for our medical work from this College."

EDUCATING YOUNG LADIES FOR SERVICE ABROAD

The Women's Missionary Society of the General Council is the handmaiden of the Lord in the great work of foreign missions. It has rendered the Board of Foreign Missions invaluable aid in many directions and now it is also undertaking the education of young ladies for service in our Missions as teachers in the girls' schools and in the zenana work. While the general society makes no provision for such education, confining itself to the education of medical missionaries, a number of conference and synodical societies have already begun the education of young ladies for work other than medical. Thus the Women's Missionary Society of the Lancaster Conference, Ministerium of Pennsylvania, has adopted the following plan: 1. Each society pledges itself to assist in raising funds to be available for this purpose. 2. Pastors are asked to publish a letter prepared by the committee, in their local church papers or otherwise, with a view of securing additional contributions to the fund. 3. The aim is an endowment fund, the interest of which and if necessary the principal shall be used exclusively for this purpose. 4. The education wherever possible shall be in a Lutheran school. 5. Each girl who applies for assistance and who is accepted by the society in consultation with the Board of Foreign Missions, is called the student ward of the conference society. 6. Each student ward is required to sign a contract with the conference society agreeing to give at least six years of unmarried service on our foreign field, and she shall refund the money expended on her education, if she does not enter upon the work.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

Increased Income and Expenditure.—In considering the financial side of our foreign mission work during the past two years, two facts, in particular, should be noted. In the first place no opportunity was given to increase the income through increased apportionments. For four years the apportionments for foreign missions have remained stationery. In the second place our expenditures have been larger on account of the war. For instance the journeys of missionaries to India had to be arranged by way of the Pacific ocean, the longer and more expensive, but, at this time, the only safe route to the Far East. Furthermore the natural growth of the missions has called for increased expenditure. The estimates for the general work of our Telugu mission have steadily increased. Those for the first six months of 1917 amounted to \$17,513.00, those for the last six months of the year amounted to \$19,992.00. These estimates do not include the salaries of missionaries nor expenditures for building operations, specials and emergencies. Our Japan mission required approximately \$8,550.00 in 1915, including salaries, and \$16,500.00, or nearly twice as much, in 1917.

Our income available for mission work, including special contributions for the relief and preservation of the former German missions in India and Togoland, Africa, increased by \$3,115.50 in 1915 over the previous year, and by \$5,639.00 in 1916 over 1915. The total increase of expenditures was \$20,764.99 in 1915 and \$1,616.69 in 1916. The treasurer's report should be consulted for the details of income and expenditure. It is, as it always has been, a full and complete statement of our finances. The balance reported at the close of the fiscal year is about half as large as two years ago and was completely wiped out by the remittances to India and Japan in August.

Cost of Home Administration.—Much interest is often displayed on the part of both friends and critics of foreign missions in the cost of home administration. A careful analysis of the treasurer's report for the year 1915 shows that three and seven-tenths cents were expended for administration and two and three-tenths cents for the publication and distribution of literature, so that ninety-four cents out of every dollar contributed, went directly to the work of our missions in India and Japan and for the preservation of former German missions. Any business man will vouch for the economy of our administration on this basis.

Special Gifts.—We rejoice to be able to report that the amount received from legacies is steadily increasing. A number of special funds have been created for the erection of buildings and for the education of native helpers in the mission in India. A beginning has been made in issuing Annuity Donations Bonds. We desire to draw special attention at this time to the advantages of using our plan of Annuity Donations Bonds for the contribution of sums of money not less than \$100.00, from which the donor desires to draw interest during his life-time or during the life-time of another person, as, for instance, a wife or a husband, with the understanding that after the death of the holder of the bond the original sum donated and invested becomes the absolute property of the Board. Sums received according to this plan will in no case be used for the mission work while the bondholder lives, but will be invested in safe and reliable investments.

The Church of the Redeemer, Buffalo, Rev. Samuel G. Trexler, pastor, has resolved to support a woman missionary in India as soon as she can be sent out, and having the money in hand for the year 1916-1917, forwarded the same to our treasury despite the fact that the one chosen for support was obliged to remain in the United States. Other congregations have expressed their willingness to support missionaries in the near future, and those who have been supporting them are continuing the good work with unabating interest. Twelve missionaries in India and two in Japan are being individually supported, those to be added to the list published in our last report being: Miss Virginia M. Boyer, supported by the Women's Missionary Society of the Pittsburgh Synod; Miss Agnes Christenson, supported by the Women's Missionary Society of the Augustana Synod; Miss

Agatha Tatge, supported by the Church of the Advent, New York; Miss H. Iona Bonner, as soon as she reaches India, supported by the Church of the Redeemer, Buffalo; Rev. S. O. Thorlaksson, supported in part by the Icelandic Synod.

Mrs. Marie von Gerber of Boston has contributed \$500 and will contribute at least another \$500 for a chapel in connection with the Hospital at Rajahmundry to be erected as a memorial to her daughter. A rough sketch of this chapel was received from India and submitted to the General Council's Committee of Church Architecture, whose suggestions have been communicated to the mission. The Women's Missionary Society of the Augustana Synod has funds on deposit for the new dispensary building at Rajahmundry, and is gathering funds for the Charlotte Swenson Memorial Home and Training School.

The Women's Missionary Society of the General Council has completed the fund for the erection of the Kotagiri Rest Houses. Another Rest House has been secured by purchasing the property formerly owned jointly by Rev. Karl L. Wolters and Dr. H. E. Isaacson at Kodaikanal. Miss Agnes I. Schade has finished the bungalow of the Girls' Central School at a cost of \$4,686.00. Miss Schade has called it the "Erie Bungalow," because the effort to build it began in the Erie Conference, but all of the women's missionary societies of the Pittsburgh Synod are helping to raise the entire amount, which the Board advanced from the General Fund.

Two automobiles have been donated, one by the Women's Missionary Society of the Chicago Synod for the use of the women missionaries at Rajahmundry, the other by friends in the Augustana Synod for use by one of the district missionaries. Rev. S. G. Youngert, D.D., a member of the Board, has donated a phonograph with records and an apparatus for making records. St. Paul's Church, Rajahmundry, received a beautiful set of altar cloths from the First Church, Racine, Wis.

The Mission in India has appealed for a ruling machine, hand press and wire-stitching machine, to cost about \$300, which someone may desire to donate to the mission printery.

All the scholarships in the Girls' Central School at Rajahmundry have been assigned and there are a number of new patrons awaiting assignments. A few boys' scholarships remain to be assigned for the payment of \$30.00 annually. Those who desire to make special contributions are urged to support native Christian teachers in the mission at \$35.00 a year or evangelists at \$45.00 a year.

Other special donations not mentioned in this report have been received and greatly appreciated; and while we wish to encourage the desire to give money for special objects on our mission fields, because it enables supporters to see where their money is being used, we would urge, as of primary importance, the support of the General Fund, which mothers all the rest, at home and abroad.

LITERATURE

The Board relies upon its monthly magazines, *The Foreign Missionary* and *Der Missionbote* to furnish information to the Church concerning our foreign mission work. The character, contents and appearance of these magazines have been kept up and are a distinct credit to our Church. Both of the editors, Rev. R. C. G. Bielinski of *Der Missionsbote* and the General Secretary as editor of *The Foreign Missionary*, have worked hard to make these papers both attractive and efficient, Rev. Bielinski working without compensation. But it became necessary in the interest of further economy to reduce the margins of these papers, to use lighter paper and to print the lists of contributors in separate supplements at the expense of the Board. The price of single subscriptions was not increased and only a slight increase was made for club subscriptions. The number of subscriptions is approximately 8,100 for *The Foreign Missionary* and 6,800 for *Der Missionsbote*. Despite every effort to economize and to increase the number of subscriptions and to keep the subscriptions paid up, the excess of expenditure has steadily increased, amounting for both papers to \$1,159.77 on May 1, 1917. The Board covers the deficits in these accounts by making appropriations from the General Fund and considers it money well spent, but most earnestly urges all pastors who have not yet introduced these papers into their congregations to do so, thus increasing the number of subscribers, which is the only way to make them self-sustaining. Those who read these papers say they are invaluable as mediums of communication between the missions and the home constituency.

The Board wishes to draw attention to the published history of our Telugu Mission in India, including an excellent biography of Father Heyer, until the title: "The Telugu Mission." Copies of this splendid book may be secured from the Publication House in Philadelphia, price two dollars. "Lutheran Missions in Japan," by Rev. Charles L. Brown, D.D., is a new pamphlet which informs the reader concerning the work of our Lutheran missions in that wonderful country. Price, two cents a copy, 20c a dozen.

During the Epiphany season the Board distributed 38,125 copies of an attractive circular "What Shall We Do This Year?" A special foreign missionary service for Sunday-schools to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the beginning of the foreign mission work of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America under the leadership of Father Heyer, was extensively used, as many as 31,560 copies being issued. Envelopes for the Epiphany season offering for foreign missions were used as follows: English 32,540, Swedish 4,300, German 2,700.

Free copies of "Missionary Ammunition," prepared by a committee of The Foreign Missions Conference for the exclusive use of pastors were sent to those who desired them. No. I. was issued under the title: "The

Pastor As a World Leader," No. II. "In Defense of Foreign Missions." A number of these pamphlets are still available for free distribution.

THE FOREIGN MISSIONS CONFERENCE

The Board has continued its former relation to The Foreign Missions Conference and has found this relation of inestimable benefit, especially at the present time. Valuable suggestions and assistance were received in the transmission of funds to foreign fields during the opening months of the war and again after the entrance of the United States into the war, also in the negotiations of the boards with the British Embassy at Washington and in arrangements made with the United States Government regarding the exemption of missionaries from military service. The Board believes that it in no wise violates the principles and practice of the General Council in sending delegates to The Foreign Missions Conference and in deriving such benefits from this association as do most decidedly increase its efficiency in the administration of its affairs.

CELEBRATIONS

To celebrate the 75th Anniversary of the beginning of the foreign mission work of the Lutheran Church in America and to honor the memory of the Rev. Christian Frederick Heyer, M.D., the first foreign missionary of our Church in this country, the Board published a special service for Sunday-school, used extensively during the Epiphany season. Copies of this service are still available for those who desire to celebrate some time during the fall of 1917.

The chief celebration this year is that of the Quadri-Centennial of the Protestant Reformation. In order that something tangible might result from this celebration in the General Council and in order that the resolutions of the General Council might be carried into effect, the Board joined with all the other boards of the General Council in perfecting plans for a 400th Anniversary Thank-Offering for Missions on the basis of a one-day's income to be contributed in envelopes during the month of October. The Board relies on its share of this Thank-Offering for expansion along three lines, namely, for property, buildings and equipment at its stations in Japan, Tokyo, Nagoya and Toyohashi; for educational expansion at Bhimawaram, India, and at other stations in our Telugu Mission, and for the extension of women's work into the districts of our India Mission.

MISSION STUDY

Mission Study has become an established department of the educational work of every active congregation. Visit any congregation whose pastor and people preach and practice the demonstration of faith in the doing of good works, and you will find eagerness to know where our mission obligation lies and how best to meet it. Many books and study courses are now available for mission study classes. The most and the best are being published by the Missionary Education Movement of New York

City; and the General Secretary of our Board has been able to advise many pastors and others in the selection of study books and helps.

While much more missionary material than formerly is being furnished in our Sunday-school text-books and quarterlies, a special course should be prepared for classes in which it is desired to give instruction in the *mission* of our Church in this world, especially under the modern conditions of life.

ORDINATION OF NATIVE PASTORS

The need of ordaining native pastors in the mission fields again raises a number of questions which the General Council may be able to answer for the Board. Several years ago we sought and obtained authorization from the General Council to direct our mission in India to ordain native pastors without recourse to synods or officers of synods in America for the authorization of this step. We, therefore, have outlined the process for the ordination of native pastors as follows: 1. The call is to be extended by an organized congregation or by the Mission as a whole. 2. The candidate is to be examined by the Ministerium or a committee of the Ministerium in the mission field, the Ministerium being the body of ordained missionaries. 3. Recommendation for ordination, after the call has been extended and the candidate has passed the examination, should come from the mission as a whole or, in Japan, from the Joint Conference of Lutheran Missions. 4. Authorization to ordain, after the candidate has been called, examined and recommended as defined above, is given to the Board of Foreign Missions. 5. The ordination is to be performed on the mission field by the officers of the Mission, if ordained men, or by others appointed by the Board or by the officers of the Mission.

The first complication is connected with the call. It must be remembered that in most cases the Board pays the salaries of native pastors. In such cases as that of the native pastor, Pantagani Paradesi, whose entire support was guaranteed by the congregation at Rajahmundry, the congregation calls. In case a pastor is to labor in an entire mission district without regard to a specific congregation, does the Board call or does the district missionary under whom the pastor is to labor, call, or does the entire mission, men and women, for which the pastor labors, call? The best solution is to have the entire mission extend the call to the candidate.

There is no difficulty concerning the second step. The examination of the candidate rests with the Ministerium on the mission field.

The third step is recommendation for ordination. Shall the entire mission which calls, also recommend for ordination? The entire mission means women missionaries as well as men missionaries, ordained and unordained. In Japan the Joint Conference of all American Lutheran missionaries is the body designated as the one which is to recommend for ordination.

The fourth step is the authorization to perform the ordination. This right the Board reserves to itself under the rule adopted by the General Council, after it has seen the call, had a report of the candidate's examination and has received the recommendation of the mission.

The final step is the act of ordination on the mission field by the officers of the mission or others appointed by the Board or by these officers. Concerning this there is no difficulty.

The Mission in Japan expresses the desire to have the whole process for the ordination of native pastors arranged and executed in Japan without reference to the Board for authorization, and it desires such general authority to ordain for the Joint Conference of Lutheran Missions rather than for the mission of the General Council. The Board feels that in a matter of such vital importance, while, moreover, the Board will be expected to pay the salaries of native pastors, the Board should be given full information concerning the candidate and concerning the process leading up to ordination, and should reserve to itself the right to authorize ordination. The Board declares that the Joint Conference of Lutheran Missions in Japan is not amenable to the Board or to the General Council, inasmuch as it is composed of missionaries of three American Boards, and that the only body amenable to the Board of the General Council is the mission of the General Council, to which, alone, the Board can give authorization to ordain.

Another matter in this connection is the re-ordination of men received from missions other than Lutheran missions. In Japan, until we have our mission work sufficiently developed to train our own men for the ministry, it is necessary to secure a few ordained men from other missions. The Board holds that the rule should require their re-ordination, but has permitted, as an exception to the rule, the public reception of a certain native pastor, ordained in a mission which is not Lutheran, as a member of our mission after due examination and subscription to the confessions of our Church. The mission in Japan says concerning this point: "We, of course, recognize that it is contrary to ecclesiastical order to continue to use these ordained men unless they are in some way publicly received into our communion, but we feel that no more should be required of them than is ordinarily required in such cases by the Ministerium of Pennsylvania and other synods in our General Council. These men from outside would be willing to submit to an examination in regard to their faith and character and would be glad to publicly subscribe to our Lutheran Confessions. This appears to be all that is required by the synod to which four of your missionaries belong, and this is what we desire in the case of our Japanese brethren."

PROPOSED MERGER OF FOREIGN MISSION BOARDS

Like all the other boards of the General Council our Foreign Mission Board was requested by the Joint Lutheran Quadri-Centennial Committee to appoint representatives who should meet with those of the foreign

mission boards of the General Synod and of the United Synod in the South, to consider how these boards might merge their work in the event of the union of the three general bodies. At a joint conference in Baltimore, Md., May 15, 1917, a general plan was outlined with the idea of creating a large general board of seventy members, which should meet annually in different places and which should consist of representatives of all district synods, while the actual work of administration should be done by a small executive committee, meeting regularly in one place and having power to conduct all the affairs of the missions. After a careful consideration of this plan at the meeting of the Board in July and again in September, the Board wishes to propose the following alternative plan:

ALTERNATIVE PLAN FOR MERGING THE FOREIGN MISSION BOARDS OF THE
THREE GENERAL BODIES

I. That a Board of Foreign Missions of the United Body be formed and incorporated as shall be agreed upon.

II. This Board shall be composed of twenty-one members to be elected by the United Body.

1. The membership of this Board shall consist of eleven clergymen and ten laymen.

2. The members of this Board shall be elected for a period of six years and shall be eligible for re-election. At the first election one-third of the total number (seven members) shall be elected to serve for two years, one-third for four years and one-third for six years.

3. The Board shall have authority to fill all vacancies between the conventions of the United Body.

4. The Board shall elect its own officers as follows: President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Recording Secretary or Secretaries.

III. The Board shall hold stated meetings at such times as may be determined by it.

IV. The Executive Committee of the Board shall consist of the officers of the Board, who shall be the officers of the Executive Committee.

V. The Board shall elect all necessary General Secretaries and Assistant Secretaries, assign their duties and fix their salaries.

VI. The headquarters of the Board shall be determined by the United Body.

VII. All the interest and work of the Foreign Mission Boards of the three General Bodies and of any synods desiring to co-operate, shall be cared for and administered by the Board of the United Body.

VIII. The present boards of the three bodies uniting, shall upon request transfer to the new board their entire work, including all assets and liabilities and all good will which attaches to their several spheres of activity both at home and in the foreign fields, as soon as the contracts and agreements of said boards of the present General Bodies may permit.

IX. The formation of this new Board of Foreign Missions shall not terminate the existence of the present Boards of the three General Bodies Said Corporate Boards shall continue as long as it may be deemed necessary to receive and turn over legacies, gifts and bequests that have been made or may be made to them in **their corporate names**, or **to do anything else which they only in their corporate capacity can perform on behalf of the cause which they represent.**

GENERAL RECOMMENDATION

In view of the complexity of the problems and the work in the foreign fields and in the home administration, it is recommended that as far as possible the membership of the present boards shall be considered as suitable members in the new Board.

THE ORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD

During the past two years the Board of Foreign Missions has been working under the following officers:

President, Rev. Lars G. Abrahamson, D.D., Rock Island, Ill.

Vice-President, Rev. Prof. C. Theodore Benze, D.D., Mt. Airy, Philadelphia.

Treasurer, Mr. James M. Snyder, Philadelphia.

English Recording Secretary, the General Secretary by appointment.

German Recording Secretary, Rev. R. C. G. Bielinski, Philadelphia.

Swedish Recording Secretary, Rev. P. J. O. Cornell, South Manchester, Connecticut.

After adopting a new by-law creating the office of Vice-President, Rev. C. Armand Miller, D.D., was elected to this office, serving until July 16, 1916, when he was succeeded by the Rev. Prof. C. Theodore Benze, D.D. Dr. Henry P. Boyer, of Philadelphia, has rendered good service as the Board's Medical Advisor. A word of special appreciation is due the treasurer of the Board, who has handled the increasingly difficult affairs of his office with fidelity, efficiency and economy, and without remuneration. The General Secretary, Rev. George Drach, has attended to the duties of his busy office to the entire satisfaction of the Board and received a slight increase in salary in April, 1917.

PART II.

THE TELUGU MISSION IN INDIA

Missionaries: Rajahmundry, Rev. and Mrs. August F. A. Neudoerffer, Rev. and Mrs. Fred. L. Coleman, Rev. and Mrs. Christian P. Tranberg, Rev. Karl L. Wolters, Rev. Edwin A. Olson, Agnes I. Schade, Susan E. Monroe, Emilie L. Weiskotten, Sigrid Esberhn, Agnes Christenson, Virginia Boyer, Dr. Betty A. Nilsson, Anna E. Rohrer, Hilma Levine, Christina Eriksson.

Bhimawaram, Rev. Ernst Neudoerffer. Dowlaishwaram, Rev. and Mrs. Oscar L. Larson. Tadepalligudem, Rev. and Mrs. Oscar V. Werner.

Samulkot, Rev. and Mrs. Thure Holmer, Miss Mary S. Borthwick. Peddapur, Prof. and Mrs. Hiram H. Sipes, Jr. Madanapalle, Agatha Tatge.

Under Appointment: Rev. and Mrs. Sigfrid L. Blomgren, Rev. and Mrs. Gustav K. Andeen, Hattie T. Johnson, H. Iona Bonner, Margaret M. Holzhauser, Sister Elfrida Sandberg, Sister Frida Thor.

Our Telugu Mission in India deserves our sympathetic and unwavering support by gifts and by prayers. It has done well under the blessing and guidance of God during the past two years. For the kingdom of God it is worth all that we can put into it. War-time conditions have, of course, had their effect upon the work, as those who read this report, will understand; but the missionaries invariably testify that the opportunities for the kingdom of God were never greater in our mission field.

Statistics.—In another place, Part III of this report, complete statistics of our Telugu Mission for the year 1916 are furnished, compiled by Rev. Karl L. Wolters. Here we wish merely to notice some of the outstanding features of this compilation. The additions by baptism were 1,328 during the year 1916. Of these 353 were men, 304 women and 671 children. The largest number were baptized by Missionary Larson in the Dowlaishwaram District (370), and by Missionaries Wolters and Werner in the Tadepalligudem District (319). The total number of baptized Christians is 25,047, of whom 14,192 are adult communicants. There are 11,067 pupils in the mission schools, which augurs well for the future of the mission. The total benevolent contributions of the native Christians amounted to \$2,527.00 during the year and other cash receipts brought the total income from local sources up to \$20,000.00. It is evident that as these amounts of local income increase the mission forges ahead in its effort at self-support. We desire to draw attention to the small number of ordained missionaries, there being only nine on the field at present, too few for our own work, far too few to meet the demands of the additional work in the former German missions. We must have more men to send out in force as soon as the war is over or earlier, if the British Government grants permission.

Administration in India.—The affairs of the Mission are administered by the Mission Council, in which every missionary who has passed the second Telugu examination and is in charge of work has voice and vote. After Rev. C. F. Kuder, D.D., left Rajahmundry for America, the Mission elected Rev. Ernst Neudoerffer to succeed him as President of the Mission Council. The Board appointed Rev. O. L. Larson to succeed Rev. E. Neudoerffer as treasurer and attorney for the Mission. The treasurer in India has been receiving funds from the Board in the form of drafts on the Bank of England. Each Missionary has received his salary in a separate draft sent quarterly in advance. Funds for the running expenses of the Mission, for building operations, repairs, specials and emergency have been sent in the same way. More recently it has been difficult for our missionaries to have these drafts cashed in India. Moreover, it some-

times takes nine weeks for a letter to reach India now, whereas formerly four or five weeks sufficed. The Treasurer seeks to be alert to meet the changing exigencies of these situations as they arise.

Changes in the Work of Missionaries.—The arrival of new missionaries in 1914 and 1915, the departure of three ordained men and the assignment of certain missionaries to do relief work in former German missions, brought about frequent changes in the work of the mission staff. After Rev. Arps left, Rev. Larson succeeded him at Dowlaishwaram; when Dr. Kuder left, Rev. Coleman became manager of the Boys' Central School at Rajahmundry; when Rev. Eckardt left, the Jaggampet district was placed in charge of Rev. Holmer, located at Samulkot, and the Korukonda district in charge of Rev. A. F. A. Neudoerffer, of Rajahmundry. Then Rev. Holmer was assigned to relief work in the Church of Sweden Mission, the former Leipsic Mission, and Rev. Larson of Dowlaishwaram had to supervise the work in three districts, Dowlaishwaram, Samulkot and Jaggampet, assisted by Rev. Olson. When Rev. Wolters, after a period of usefulness in the former Hermannsburg Mission, returned to our field, he was placed in charge of the class of theological students, which was temporarily transferred to Bhimawaram, but has recently been taken back to Rajahmundry. Rev. Werner succeeded Rev. Wolters at Tadepalligudem. Prof. Sipes was manager of the Boys' High School at Peddapur. A second High School for boys has been established at Bhimawaram with district missionary E. Neudoerffer in charge.

It should be noted that for the time spent by Rev. K. L. Wolters in the former Hermannsburg mission field the Foreign Mission Board of the Joint Synod of Ohio contributed to our treasury the sum of \$350.00. After Rev. Wolters left that field it was turned over to the Mission of the General Synod.

The women missionaries sent out in the fall of 1915 reached our mission at a most opportune time. They are now ready for active mission work. Miss Agnes Christenson and Miss Virginia Boyer are associated with Miss Schade in the Girls' Central School at Rajahmundry; Miss Anna E. Rohrer, Miss Hilma Levine and Miss Christina Ericksson are in the Hospital and Medical Work as missionary nurses; Miss Charlotte B. Hollerbach has taken charge of the Lace Industry. The return of Miss Sigrid Esberhn to the Mission gave a new impetus to the zenana work in Rajahmundry and Dowlaishwaram. Miss Emilie L. Weiskotten, after her furlough, resumed charge of the Hindu Girls' School in Rajahmundry. Miss Mary S. Borthwick has developed a most successful work among women at Paddapur and Samulkot. Miss Agatha Tatge has spent most of her time at the Union Tuberculosis Sanatorium at Madanapalle. Concerning Dr. Betty A. Nilsson's strenuous and remarkable work in the Hospital and Dispensaries, we have already reported. Miss Agnes I. Schade, with 25 years of successful missionary work behind her, is on the verge of realizing her ambition of a High School for Christian Girls at Rajahmundry. Miss Susan E. Monroe is doing noble and self-sacri-

ficing zenana work at Rajahmundry, and is urging its extension into the districts.

Training Schools.—The time has come in our Mission when it is vital to the proper development of the native talent for service in the work of extending the Gospel, that a number of training schools should be established. One must be a Training School for Bible-Women, which Miss Swenson already desired so earnestly, and for the establishment of which her legacy and the Memorial Fund which is being raised, will be used. Another is a Training School for Native Nurses, the need of which Dr. Nilsson has pointed out and which might well be made the object of special effort in the Home Church. Those who are interested in this kind of a training school should read an article by Dr. Nilsson published in the July, 1917, number of "The Foreign Missionary." A third is a Joint Training School for Masters of a Secondary grade, concerning which proposals have been made to several neighboring missions. And a fourth is provided for in the Christian College for Women at Madras, together with the Medical College for Women at Vellors, in both of which we ought to co-operate.

The Telugu Lutheran Church Book.—The importance of producing and distributing Christian literature in the mission field is being emphasized by all foreign mission boards and missions. The most significant literary productions of our Mission in India is the complete Telugu Lutheran Church Book. Concerning this achievement the Board passed the following resolution: "Resolved, That the Board most heartily congratulates the Mission in India on having completed a Telugu Lutheran Hymn Book, printed, published and bound at our mission printery at Rajahmundry, many of the hymns having been translated into Telugu by our own missionaries, native pastors and helpers, some of the original hymns having as their authors our own Telugu Lutheran Christians. We rejoice with the Mission over this achievement as a decided forward step in the development of the orderly public worship of the native Church and of the Christian life of the native converts. We would encourage our Mission to continue its laudable efforts to produce Christian literature in the vernacular."

New Church Building at Rajahmundry.—The Mission has frequently stated the need of a new church building at Rajahmundry, which shall not only be sufficiently adequate for the congregation but also representative of our Lutheran spirit and character. The Board has encouraged the congregation to begin to gather money for this purpose and has appealed to congregations, with whose history Father Heyer is in any way associated, to raise a Father Heyer Memorial Fund to assist in the erection of this new church building. No public appeal for this purpose will be made, but it is hoped that those who are indebted to Father Heyer, or who wish to honor him, will make liberal contributions.

Deaths.—The Mission lost through death the services of Catechist

Sreeramulu in 1916, and on January 5, 1917, the native pastor, P. V. Ratnam, passed to his reward. The death of the latter leaves the Mission with only two native pastors. It will become necessary in the near future to increase this number, and it is hoped that the graduates of the theological class will pass the examinations and be recommended for ordination. An interesting article on the work and members of this class, by Dr. Kuder, appeared in the February, 1917, number of "The Foreign Missionary."

REPORTS OF MISSIONARIES

RAJAHMUNDRY TOWN—REV. AUGUST F. A. NEUDOERFFER.

Evangelistic work has been carried on uninterruptedly at Rajahmundry. Our street-preaching band has been active nearly every night during the week, preaching and teaching to crowds on the street with the help of the magic lantern. The congregation has supplied a sort of orchestra for this band, a violin and a native drum. The playing of these instruments and the singing of hymns draw the crowds which listen very attentively far into the night, finally leaving after a distribution of tracts.

Every Sunday seventy-four Sunday-school teachers are engaged in seventeen schools, the approximate attendance being 1,400 children and adults. Of these Sunday-school scholars 520 are Christians, 70 Brahmins, 756 Sudras, and the rest Panchamas.

Concerning the educational work the following is reported. Last March we sent 64 students from the Rajahmundry Training School for Masters to the government examination. Of these 50 passed. Some entered service as mission workers, others joined the Junior Bible Class. There are thirteen college students under my care, five of whom are students at the Rajahmundry College and two at the Coconada College. The students at Rajahmundry are members of the local congregation and are active in its work.

A new addition to the Training School building was completed. This school now has 150 pupils.

THE THEOLOGICAL CLASS—REV. KARL L. WOLTERS.

It will be interesting for you to know what our Theological Class is studying. The subjects treated are: 1. Dogmatics, five hours weekly, the text-book being Dr. H. E. Jacobs' "Summary of Christian Faith." 2. Church History, 4 hours weekly, Kurtz's Church History, translated into Telugu. 3. Symbolics, 3 hours weekly, taught on the basis of Dr. Wm. J. Mann's Symbolics in manuscript. 4. Homiletics, 2 hours weekly, using Dr. Sommer's Pericopes, given in free lectures without manuscript. 5. Pastoral Theology, according to Dr. Gerberding's "The Lutheran Pastor," of which fortunately enough copies were available to allow one book for each two students. 6. Ethics according to Dr. Weidner's book, of which only one copy was available, so that manuscript copies had to be made.

The classes meet from 8 to 9.30, from 10 to 11.30, and from 3 to 4.30

every day except Saturday and Sunday. It is confidently hoped that the candidates will be ready for ordination about Christmas.

TADEPALLIGUDEM AND TALLAPUDI DISTRICTS—REV. OSCAR V. WERNER

Both districts have been divided into circles under the direct supervision of evangelists. In July, 1917, we found our door besieged by a crowd of boys eager for an education but unable to gain admission to the Luthergiri school. In spirit we saw, too, crowds of men, women and children who in the future years would thank God for the coming of these boys as educated teachers to bring them the Gospel and Christian education. The boys' pressing need of a school and the districts future need of them as workers prompted us to start a headquarter's boarding school for boys. The procedure was simple. A two-roomed thatched house built in the Tadepalligudem compound several years ago became the dormitory for twenty-eight boys. A palm-leaf shed was erected to serve in its three divisions as school, kitchen, dining-hall and lodging-place for two teachers. Changes were made in the curriculum of the little school which for many years had its home in the mission compound, and to its staff of one teacher two others were added. The boarding school thus begun looks back upon several months of successful work.

BHIMAWARAM-NARSAPUR DISTRICT—REV. ERNST NEUDOERFFER.

Cholera broke out in the villages of the Bhimawaram district. Twenty-five Christians died of this dreadful disease. The non-Christians did "poojah" or worship to the cholera goddess. In one village they asked the Christians to contribute towards the offerings to this goddess. In another the heathen insisted on putting an image of the goddess in front of the Christians' house of worship. The Christians removed it. Both of these villages became almost riotous, but the Christians won out. No contributions were made and no image was allowed near the house of the living God.

Our High School at Bhimawaram has about one hundred more boys than last year. Including the affiliated school in the village, our total enrollment is 800 pupils. This means an increased staff of teachers and additional equipment. As far as I can now see the school will cost the Mission very little. We believe that our present staff of Christian teachers is not easily surpassed anywhere. The Inspector of Schools, a government official, who is here at Bhimawaram, while I am writing my report, has officially said that though our school is new, it is not behind any in the circle. He also thinks that our building is one of the finest among his fifty odd high schools.

We have reason to be very grateful to God for the manner in which we have remained unmolested in our work. It has pleased God to give us such peace as few countries enjoy during these sad days. Next to God we owe thanks to the Indian Government which has such great and good influence throughout the length and breadth of this country, keeping the various communities quiet and contented.

KORUKONDA DISTRICT—REV. A. F. A. NEUDOERFFER

Like some other districts in our mission field, the Korukonda District has not had a resident missionary devoting years of uninterrupted service to the district work. As a consequence it is a backward district, where there are no mass movements. Last year we completed the house at Gonegudem, one-fourth of a mile from the village of Korukonda. It is well built and very useful in our mission work. While the car-festival was being celebrated at Korukonda the native preachers and teachers assembled at this house for their quiet devotional hours before beginning the work of street-preaching at the festival and after preaching all day and night, till 3 A. M., this was again the retreat for rest and devotion before returning home. Twenty-four young men from the Luthergiri Bible Classes helped us in this work during the car-festival. More than 1,000 people heard the message of salvation.

DOWLAISHWARAM DISTRICT—REV. OSCAR L. LARSON

The membership in our congregations is increasing and we have reason to believe also that the members are growing in Christian knowledge and grace. The Jegurupad chapel was finished last year and dedicated on February 18, 1917. The motorcycle is a great boon in our mission work. It saves much time and energy. No money spent will bring richer returns to any district missionary than a motorcycle. Every one who can use it ought to have a motorcycle.

BOYS' CENTRAL SCHOOL, RAJAHMUNDY—REV. FRED L. COLEMAN

There are four departments of work at Luthergiri, namely, (1) the secular school, consisting of five grades; (2) the boarding establishment of some 200 boys; (3) the Senior Bible Class, and (4) the Junior Bible Class. The secular part of the school needs comparatively little oversight. K. Gabriel, the headmaster, is one of the best educated men and a teacher of many years' experience. He has kept the machinery of the school running smoothly. He teaches English in the higher classes and one subject in the Junior and two in the Senior Bible Class.

The boarding establishment is managed by M. Devadas, one of our oldest and most faithful men. Two hundred boys, packed rather closely together, need a good deal of oversight. They must be fed three times a day, their quarrels must be settled, their bodies must be kept healthy, their souls must be fed with the Word of God. Most of these duties devolve on M. Devadas.

The third department, the Junior Bible Class, is taught by M. Devadas and K. Gabriel. The graduates of this class become our village teachers and do a great part of the religious teaching in the districts. The Senior Bible Class gives the Mission its higher qualified grade of teachers. Most

of my work, aside from the management of the school, was in this class. During October and November much of my time had to be spent on Telugu, preparing for the second examination. Revs. Holmer and Tranberg have helped in the teaching of these Bible Classes. All in all I have spent perhaps the busiest and, in some respects, the most enjoyable six months of my life at the Boys' Central School, Luthergiri, Rajahmundry.

GIRLS' CENTRAL SCHOOL, RAJAHMUNDY—AGNES I. SCHADE

Here in the Girls' Central School we have begun to realize what the mass movement toward Christianity will mean for our educational institutions. In June of last year it became apparent that a larger number of Christian girls were beginning to clamor for admission into the school. In order to meet the requirements to some extent we undertook for six months, from July to October, 1916, to admit a larger number. One hundred and ninety-nine were admitted and still many were refused admittance. This number, however, overtaxed the capacity of the dormitory, so that the epidemic ward had to be used as a part of the dormitory. During the latter part of the year, when measles broke out, we realized that it had been a mistake to overcrowd. In January the number was reduced to about 178. These are the boarders, the whole number of pupils enrolled in the school being 229.

One of the greatest needs of our Mission today is more Girls' Central Schools. Our one school at Rajahmundry is not sufficient. The time has come for us to establish branches of our women's work at the different head-stations. There is need of a woman missionary in each district.

The four girls in preparation for High School have made fair progress and, we trust, may be sent to the High School at Guntur in July. If the work continues as at present we may hope to have several girls ready for high school every year. The 25th anniversary gifts of \$350 sent to me is to form a nucleus for a Girls' Central School Students' Fund, to be used to assist promising girls to obtain a high school education. This amount will be sufficient to educate four girls.

FORMER BREKLUM MISSION—REV. ERNST NEUDOERFFER

Once every three months I managed to tear myself away from the heavy work in the Bhimawaram District to visit the stations in the former Breklum Mission. As yet I have found no time to visit the many out-stations. My chief work, of necessity, must be that of comforting and encouraging the Christian community. The attendance at the Lord's Table continues very good, which goes to show that the Christians are holding firmly to the love of their Lord. Only a few cases of weakness have occurred, and they have been due to temptations from without. On my trip to the Jeypore District in November, 1916, I had the joy of baptizing over one hundred adults and children. Because funds have been

coming so slowly from America I have been compelled to allow some native workers to work as coolies in the fields under cultivation, thus assuring them of a livelihood. This is the discouraging feature of the work, that these men must wait so long for their salaries. I have regretted more than once the lack of interest at home in this work, so glorious and so worthy. We are attempting only to hold the Christian community. The Telugu section of the work is not so important as the Oriya section. Many of the buildings in the mission are crumbling and falling, and unless the Board and the Home Church make an earnest effort to gather and send funds for this field, even bungalows and churches will fall into ruin. That would be a great pity. We need at least two additional ordained native pastors to administer the sacraments.

I sent part of my salary to help pay the native workers, because money had not come from America. Some workers had sold the little clothing they owned to buy rice. This great former Breklum Mission and the Bhimawaram District are nearly too much for me. The Lord, Who has helped me hitherto, will also help in the future. He is my strength.

RAJAHMUNDRY AND DOWLAISHWARAM ZENANA WORK—MISS SIGRID A.

ESBERHN

The year 1916 witnessed my return to the work of making the Gospel of the Prince of Peace known among the women of Rajahmundry and Dowlaishwaram. Five mornings each week have been spent in teaching the Bible in our Girls' Central School; the afternoons have been devoted to the usual house-to-house visits.

A few days ago a Brahman widow died. For six months previous to her death she had been under instruction and she seemed to have died with a saving knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ; but she was not baptized. Her people say that she prayed to Jesus Christ unceasingly during the last days of her life.

Sometimes when teaching in Dowlaishwaram it seems to me as though the dawn of a new day were breaking, not in all houses, but in very many of them, where instruction in the Bible has been given for a long time. Dowlaishwaram will some day yield a very great harvest of souls.

The School for Bible-Women has not been re-opened yet, but there are four women preparing to take the course by attending six periods a day in our Girls' Central School, three periods in the Bible and three in reading, sewing and other branches. The reason for not re-opening the School for Bible-Women in January, 1917, is that an evangelistic campaign has been undertaken among our Christian men and women. I, therefore, spend four mornings a week in instructing our Christian women in Rajahmundry. In January, 1918, we hope to re-open the School for Bible-Women with a better prepared set of pupils.

SAMULKOT DISTRICT—REV. THURE A. HOLMER

The village of Samulkot, hitherto almost entirely unresponsive, is now beginning to bring in its sheaves. The village of Ratchapilli, where not long ago the villagers would have raised pandemonium if any attempt had been made to preach the Gospel of righteousness to them, is asking for a teacher of Christianity and is willing to be taught. From all sides, indeed, come calls for teachers, and if we had a sufficient supply of efficient teachers, thousands, not to say tens of thousands, could be brought into the fold of the Church within a few years.

We are handicapped on account of the lack of men and means. In this district we have about fifty villages in which there are Christians; in double that number work is being done more or less thoroughly. But there is a vast number of villages within reach which have not been touched. For the missionary alone to evangelize these villages is an utter impossibility. These people need to hear the Gospel preached and expounded over and over again. The whole truth can never be presented at one time. Moreover, one is never able to reach all the people in a village at one time. Therefore many visits to a village become necessary. For this reason the main mission work must be done by our native helpers. The foreign missionary can do little more than to direct, encourage, inspire and sustain the workers. Even though he may preach as many as three or four times a day, his work unaided would amount to very little among so many people. What we need in this district is more qualified and trained teachers.

The plan of correlating the ordained missionary's work with the women's work in the districts is a step in the right direction and without doubt will make for progress in the work as a whole. It has been a mistake to leave the district work entirely to the male missionaries, while the women missionaries have devoted their time and energy exclusively to the high castes. Where there are open doors they have been opened for us by God. We must take it as an indication of God's purpose, then, that for the present we are to concentrate our mission energies on work among those caste people from which we have made our converts. The women's work is really as necessary among the Malas as among the higher castes. In some places we have men who have been Christians for fifteen years, while their wives and daughters have remained heathen. These heathen wives of Mala Christians need the women missionaries, who can reach them and influence them.

Since Miss Borthwick took up work in the Samulkot district, there has been a marked improvement in the interest displayed by the women. They come from many villages and ask her to visit them. The Christian teachers and their wives and other women express their joy over her visits and are hoping for great things as a result of her work.

PEDDAPUR AND SAMULKOT ZENANA WORK—MARY S. BORTHWICK

At the time my last biennial report was written, I had temporary charge of the Hindu Girls' Schools in Rajahmundry; but in August, 1915, these were handed over to the regular manager who had returned from furlough.

Peddapur Work.—Immediately after being relieved of the school work, I removed from Rajahmundry to Peddapur, and took charge of the zenana work formerly managed there by Miss Monroe. About this time we secured the services of an experienced Bible-woman, Mrs. Oswald, a Eurasian, to do the daily house-to-house teaching in Peddapur. This is the first Eurasian woman our Mission has employed as a zenana teacher. She has had special training for her work, is a good and conscientious worker, and, I know, prays much for the salvation of her pupils.

For the first few months we taught once a week in the houses which the Baptist zenana missionary, who formerly worked there, had pointed out to Miss Monroe as being places where the women were eager to learn. We tried and succeeded in getting a number of new houses in the districts where the old ones were located. But with only one woman to do the work, it was impossible to give regular weekly instruction to the old pupils and at the same time reach out into new districts, as yet untouched. It did not seem fair to let the women of some parts of the town remain in ignorance of the Gospel, while others had heard the message for years even before we began work. We therefore decided to teach only once a month, in some cases once in two months, where the women had been well instructed, and especially where, as in quite a few cases, they can read and have the New Testament or Gospel portions. Wherever they protested because of few visits, and a great many did protest, we told them they now knew the Way of Salvation, and it only remained for them to accept it; and that we must carry the message to those who have not yet heard it. A great many agreed that this was only fair.

In this way we have been able to reach almost all sections of the town, though, of course, there are a great many women in all parts of the town who refuse to listen. While we are able to reach almost all classes of the Sudra caste, very few Brahmin houses have been opened to us, and usually after only a few lessons in a Brahmin house we are refused admittance. We also have a number of Mohammedan pupils in Peddapur. After the daughter of one of these women had recovered from a serious illness, during which Mrs. Oswald visited her, prayed, and read God's Word, the mother said, "Your God heard your prayers and so my daughter is well again." Then they asked that she come every day to read and pray with them, and relatives of this family, who for over a year have refused admittance to their house, sent and asked that they, too, be taught the Word of God.

In another Mohammedan house the mother and two daughters are much interested. Recently the mother begged that on a certain day the

Bible-woman should come without fail, as her old mother would be there and only for one day. Needless to say, the Bible-woman went with much joy to give the message to the old woman the day she visited her daughter. And so one might go on giving many instances of faith and a desire to learn. The work has its encouraging features as well as the reverse. There have been several who have expressed a desire to be baptized, but in the end their faith and love has not been quite strong enough to help them surmount the many difficulties, "leave all," and follow Christ.

In July, 1916, we removed a Bible-woman, a young widow who was living entirely unprotected in Samulkot, to Peddapur to live with Mrs. Oswald, and help with her work. Under the latter's guidance Julia has improved very much indeed in her manner of teaching, and goes to and from her work morning and afternoon with a very cheerful, happy face. She is much liked by the caste women and children and seems to have particular aptitude for teaching children. In two different parts of the town, among the weavers and the goldsmiths, we have quite large classes of girls who, besides the Gospel stories, learn Bible verses and Christian lyrics. Many of these girls have purchased hymn books and Gospel portions.

One other Bible-woman works one day a week among the Hindu and Mohammedan women in the Peddapur police lines. So we have two women who devote most of their time to the Hindu women, and one who gives part of her time to them. The remaining time of all three is given to the Christians of Peddapur and nearby villages. So much for the Peddapur work.

Samulkot Work.—In December, 1915, after less than six months' stay at Peddapur, I removed to Samulkot, according to the decision of the Mission Council. The work in this district had been entirely in the hands of the District Missionary, and as a man can do very little among the Indian women, there has been little progress. Our work here lies entirely among the Christian and out-caste women; nothing is being done by us among the Hindus. There have been a few Bible-women at work among the Christian women for years, but as the customs of India prevent the District Missionary looking after the work among the women as he does among the men, they have been left pretty much to themselves, and the results have been anything but satisfactory. All of these Bible-women have now been handed over to me by the present District Missionary.

The work among the Christian women requires much patience and perseverance because of their ignorance. One seldom finds a village woman who can read. I have been through a large part of the district this past month, and I did not find one woman able to read except the wives of a few teachers, and all of those have been pupils in our Central Girls' School. I found the same condition among the women of the Jagampetta and Korukonda Districts last July and August, while camping there with Rev. and Mrs. O. O. Eckardt. In those two districts even the wives

of a good many teachers cannot read, and they ought to be leaders in the villages. To teach these ignorant women even the Creed and the Lord's Prayer means much work and perseverance on the part of both teacher and pupil, which thus far I have found lacking.

The Bible-women need the help, encouragement and oversight which only a woman missionary can give to them. The women have taken me into their houses (which in many cases are surprisingly neat and clean), told me of their difficulties, and in some cases of their illnesses, and altogether have shown their confidence to a degree that has seemed to me remarkable considering the short time I have been among them. I have also tried, wherever possible, to reach the heathen wives of our Christian men, of whom, I am sorry to say, there are quite a number.

This recent tour in the district more than ever convinces me that we must have district boarding schools for girls, if we are ever going to raise the standard of our Christian women. It is utterly impossible to send even a fair percentage of all the girls to our Central Girls' School. If we could have district boarding schools to which a large number of girls might be sent to study-up to the fourth standard, a very much larger number would receive the benefit of a good, solid, religious, moral, and secular training, such as is out of the question in our village schools. From these district schools the best pupils might be selected for further study and training in the Central Girls' School. In this way we could build up a force of Christian women that will be a very real power for good in the Indian Christian Church, and also among the heathen.

If it is true, that "the hand that rocks the cradle rules the world," then it is high time for us to be doing something to make those hands be a help instead of a drag in our work. And district boarding schools for girls would be a great factor towards that end.

The past two years have brought to me many opportunities, and I have truly found that, as one woman missionary said after twenty years' district work, "There is no limit to the work to be done; the only limit is to one's time and strength." May God grant that the work at Peddapur and Samulkot done in His name be not all in vain.

MEDICAL WORK—DR. BETTY A. NILSSON

Our medical work is growing. We have more patients than one doctor can well care for. During 1915 we had 18,314 patients in all, and in 1916 we had 25,844. Of these, there were 820 hospital patients in 1915, and 1,023 in 1916. In the total number the dispensary visits are all included. In 1915 the number of surgical operations was 502. In 1916 we performed 1,477. An encouraging feature of the work is, that the local income has increased. In 1915 we received fees and other local income amounting to Rs. 5,989. In 1916 the local income amounted to Rs. 9,637. But the cost of medicines and the cost of provisions has also risen considerably, and the local expenses connected with the hospital in 1916 amounted to nearly Rs. 11,000. The local receipts were all turned into the mission treasury

and the running expenses were paid by money sent from America as per the regular estimates.

In March, 1915, I returned from my furlough in America in good health, and did not need to close the hospital during the hot season, but the following year the hospital had to be closed from May 15 until the middle of June in order that I might have a vacation. It was rather difficult to know what to do with the orphans, widows, and poor homeless patients when we closed the hospital; but places were found for all. When we returned to our home and work, we were all eager to take hold with new vigor in the work which was before us. The patients, however, did not return so soon. It took nearly two weeks before our clinics were what they had been before we went away. But later in the year we had larger dispensary and hospital attendance than we have ever had before.

On October 3, 1916, we had a Donation Day for the hospital. A large number of visitors came, Christians, Hindus, and Mohammedans, and gifts were received to the amount of Rs. 644. For this we are very grateful for it was cheerfully given, and is indeed a great encouragement in our work.

We are also very grateful for the boxes we receive from home each year. Last year they contained besides the ordinary supplies, cotton, gauze, etc., a large number of drugs and a good sterilizer which was the private gift of one of our friends in Philadelphia.

We are also very grateful for the three nurses who came out in 1915 and who have been such a help to me in the dispensary work. They have for some time had special classes with the native workers, instructing some of them in English, and giving to all Bible lessons in Telugu, as well as teaching in Sunday-schools. We want to teach some of the younger Christian girls a little English, preparatory to putting them in the Nurses' Training Class in July.

Our two Christian caste widows are still with us. The elder one is chief cook, and the younger one helps to attend the patients. A young Mohammedan widow is now in the hospital learning the work of "ward-ayah" and also receiving catechetical instruction preparatory to baptism. She is very good and very anxious to learn, but has such poor eyesight that she cannot learn to read.

Our orphanage is a very interesting place. Four of our little girls have been sent to Boarding School, but they come home on Friday evenings and return to school from church on Sunday. Three of the boys will be ready for Boarding School next July. We have converted one of the children's wards into a nursery for the present. We have five babies who have been given to us, all less than a year old. They often give us great anxiety because they are so small and delicate, but they also give us a great deal of pleasure. It is, indeed, a rest to go into the nursery and coax a smile from some little one, to help another take the first tottering steps, to see a third begin to gain a little and take a new lease on life,

and then, to think that God has given us these little ones to nurture for His kingdom.

Our hopes were twice raised and twice shattered about a new doctor. We still have no one in view to keep the hospital open during the hot season, no one to consult in difficult cases, no one to assist in big operations, no one to do laboratory work, no one to help in a thorough examination of the patients. God has given me health and strength thus far, so that the work has been a pleasure and not a burden to me, but it does become a trial to be obliged to leave so many things undone which should be done. We are still hoping that sometime in the future we may get a doctor from America. In the meantime these dim uncertainties are taking definite form in India. A Medical College for Women is being established in the Madras Presidency, at Vellore. We must give our support as a Mission to this undertaking. We hope to get one of its first graduates to assist us in our hospital. May our friends at home take an interest in this matter, work and pray that it may be a success. But that does not make an American doctor unnecessary. An Indian doctor will be a good assistant, but hardly strong enough to be placed in entire charge of the hospital.

We wish again to thank our dear friends in the homeland for the generous financial support they are giving for our hospital, and ask that they may not cease to work and to pray for God's blessings upon our Medical Mission work.

PART III.

THE MISSION IN BURMA

Our mission work in Burma is still confined to one catechist in charge of a congregation of Telugu Lutherans in the city of Rangoon, and will not grow until we put more men and money at work in that field. If the General Council's Quadri-Centennial Thank-Offering for Missions is sufficient, we hope to be able to put some of our portion into improvements at Rangoon. During the year 1916, under the care and leadership of A. Anandappan, the congregation in Rangoon reported 50 additions by baptism, forty of which were men, and the total membership of the congregation at the close of 1916, including only 6 women and 6 children, was 363. A. Anandappan writes: "If we follow Christ we need have no fear. We leave the old year with gratitude to God for His mercies, with penitence for our failures and sins, and we enter the new year with the earnest resolve in Christ's name to make it the best and most beautiful year we have ever lived."

PART IV.

THE MISSION IN JAPAN

Missionaries: Tokyo, Rev. and Mrs. Frisby D. Smith, Rev. and Mrs. Michael M. Kipps. Nagoya, Rev. and Mrs. Edward T. Horn, Rev. and Mrs. S. O. Thorlaksson, Toyohashi, Rev. and Mrs. John Kenneth Linn. Kumamoto, Rev. and Mrs. Clarence E. Norman.

Twenty-five years ago the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South began its mission work in the empire of Japan. Nine years ago, on the invitation of this synod, the General Council began to co-operate with it in the effort to spread the Gospel among the Japanese. Today the General Council has six ordained married missionaries in Japan.

NEW MISSIONARIES

In 1916 we sent out Rev. and Mrs. M. M. Kipps and Rev. and Mrs. S. O. Thorlaksson; in 1917, Rev. and Mrs. Clarence E. Norman. Now that we have six out of a total of thirteen ordained missionaries of the American Lutheran Church in Japan, our responsibility has sufficiently increased for every pastor and congregation in the General Council to realize that we have a great task to perform in that land.

Rev. Michael M. Kipps, of Pratts, Virginia, is a graduate of Roanoke College and of the Theological Seminary at Philadelphia. He was ordained by the Pennsylvania Ministerium at its meeting in 1916, married Undine Heldtke, of Philadelphia, June 20, 1916, was commissioned on Trinity Sunday evening in St. Mark's Church, Philadelphia, and reached Japan, September 7, 1916.

Rev. S. O. Thorlaksson, of Selkirk, Manitoba, Canada, is a graduate of Gustavus Adolphus College and of the Theological Seminary at Chicago. He was ordained by the Icelandic Synod at Winnipeg, married Carolina K. Thomas, and was commissioned on July 30, 1916, at Selkirk by the President of the Icelandic Synod in the church served by his father, who assisted at the service of commissioning. He will be supported by the Icelandic Synod, which as yet, however, is unable to contribute the full amount required. He reached Japan toward the close of September, 1916.

Rev. Clarence E. Norman, of Concord, N. C., is a graduate of the University of North Carolina and of the Theological Seminary at Columbia, S. C. He was ordained by the North Carolina Synod in 1917, married Lottie Lee Wyse, of Columbia, S. C., June 20, 1917, was commissioned on July 8th in the Church of the Nativity, Philadelphia, and left Seattle on July 16th, reaching Japan August 1, 1917. Rev. Mr. Norman will occupy the chair of English in the Kyushu Gakuin at Kumamoto.

OUR RELATION TO THE KYUSHU GAKUIN

The Kyushu Gakuin is an institution of the Mission of the United Synod in the South. It is a so-called Middle School with a theological department. The graduates of the theological department are called to serve in the Mission as evangelists and pastors. It is the only Lutheran school in Japan from which such native helpers can be secured. Our co-operation in it consists in the support of a foreign professorship and in the payment of one-third of the running expenses. All the property, land, and buildings belong to the United Synod Mission. Rev. A. J. Stirewalt, Manager of the school, has submitted the following report concerning the academic and theological departments:

REPORT ON KYUSHU GAKUIN

Middle School Department

In April, 1916, there were 242 applicants for entrance. By competitive examination, 132 were admitted, making 557 in the school, including 17 in the post-graduate course. In April, 1917, there were 249 applicants, 128 of whom were admitted. This is especially striking since the number of applicants at government middle schools, in 1917, was considerably less than usual (those at commercial and technical schools considerably increased). Kyushu Gakuin now has 575 students, including 17 in the post-graduate course.

In March, 1916, our first class, consisting of 44 young men, graduated from Kyushu Gakuin. Of those who tried to enter higher schools, about one-fourth succeeded. There was only one school in the prefecture—a government school—which surpassed this record, and that by only a small fraction. The Buddhist school which is in sight of Kyushu Gakuin failed to have a single graduate enter a higher school. In March, 1917, our second graduating class, consisting of 62 young men, graduated. It remains to be seen what these graduates can do in their attempt to enter higher institutions.

The first, second, and third years are divided into three divisions, while the fourth and fifth years are divided into two each. The school now requires 28 professors, including the principal and dean.

Full government recognition was given the school on November 29, 1915. This means our students are exempt from military service while in school, that our graduates have a right to take the entrance examinations to higher institutions, and that the school has a recognized standing.

The religious work in the school has been carried on with results more or less gratifying. In March, 1916, 24 students were baptized. In February, 1917, 191 students indicated their desire to become Christians. Some of these are now under instruction for baptism. But our religious work will not bear its full fruits until we have a regular chaplain who can give his entire time to work among the students and graduates. For such a man, we are praying and waiting.

Forty percent of our 1916 graduates were baptized Christians, and two have been baptized since (one of these at Nagoya). Thirty-seven percent of our 1917 graduates had been baptized before going out from the school.

THEOLOGICAL DEPARTMENT

After an interval of about one year (when the seminary was closed because of lack of students), it re-opened in April, 1916, with eight students. Two of these, during the year, because of serious illness, and another for a different reason discontinued. Another student, who should have graduated in 1915, was required to leave to render military service in 1914. He returned in September, 1916, and graduated in March, 1917.

The new session which opened in April, 1917, began with four new students, making the entire enrollment, at present, nine. In general, these students have done satisfactory work. We now have two professors on full time, and three who give part time. By April, 1918, another professor on full time will be needed. Our chief difficulty, at present, is to secure Japanese professors who have a Lutheran training. This difficult matter can be solved only after some years when young men of our own training are qualified to fill these chairs.

There are now eight of our graduates engaged in active work.

On May 5, 1916, the Japanese government gave official recognition to the theological department of Kyushu Gakuin. This gives the seminary the same privileges given the middle school department.

Just before Rev. Clarence E. Norman sailed for Japan to occupy the chair of English in the Kyushu Gakuin, the following agreement was made with the Board of Foreign Missions of the United Synod in the South:

AGREEMENT CONCERNING CO-OPERATION IN THE KYUSHU GAKUIN

1. The Board of Foreign Missions of the General Council is to call, commission, and support an ordained or unordained missionary for educational work in the Kyushu Gakuin.
2. This missionary shall give his time and attention to the science and practice of English instruction in the Middle School Department of Kyushu Gakuin.
3. Upon request of the school management this missionary may assume additional work in any department of the school in order to meet emergencies that may arise, subject to the final approval of the Board of Foreign Missions of the General Council.
4. In case circumstances arise making desirable or necessary a change in the Council's representative, such change shall take place only after one year's notice thereof has been given by the General Council's Board to the Board of the United Synod. It is understood that as far as possible frequent changes shall be avoided.
5. The Board of the General Council shall be responsible for filling any vacancy that may occur as indicated in No. 4.
6. When a vacancy occurs as provided in No. 4 it shall be filled permanently by the General Council's Board only after consultation with its mission in Japan, the mission in turn to consult the school management.
7. The language of Nos. 5 and 6 shall not be understood as precluding, however, any temporary arrangement that may be agreed upon between the school management and the missions of the General Council and the United Synod, nor any friendly assistance it may be found desirable for one board or mission to render to the other.
8. In view of the co-operation of the General Council's Board in the work of the Kyushu Gakuin, the mission of the General Council shall elect one of its missionaries to be associated on the Board of Trustees in the management of the said Kyushu Gakuin, and it is agreed that the missionary of the General Council's Mission so elected shall be accorded all the rights and privileges of regular membership, excepting only in matters affecting property.

THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION IN JAPAN

There is nothing more vital to the interests of mission work anywhere than the education of young men for the holy ministry. This matter is engaging the most earnest attention of the Lutheran missions in Japan and of the boards in America. The Joint Conference of Lutheran Missions co-operating in Japan at its meeting in Karuizawa, August 30 to September 2, 1916, passed a set of resolutions which contemplated the re-organization of the theological department of the Kyushu Gakuin as a Joint Theological Seminary under the management of a board of directors to be elected by the co-operating missions. The Foreign Mission Board of the United Synod has expressed itself as being unprepared at this time to separate the theological department from the school management. Our Board feels that a separation ought not to be hastily forced, but that each mission co-operating in the school should be guaranteed a just proportion of the number of graduates of the theological department for assignment to work in the respective missions. This arrangement, however, can be regarded as only temporary, and our Board has expressed the hope that ultimately the resolutions of the Joint Conference concerning an independently organized and conducted Theological Seminary, either at Kumamoto or elsewhere, may become a reality.

Our Mission has been able to secure three young Japanese as theological students. Moriya San, who is being educated in the Kyushu Gakuin, is supported by the students of Muhlenberg College. Shiina San, who is being educated at Tokyo, is supported by the Father Heyer Missionary Society of the Philadelphia Theological Seminary. Shimada San, who will probably be sent to the Kyushu Gakuin, ought to find a supporter in the General Council. Several years ago our Board limited the number of students of theology to three, largely as a matter of economy. At the earnest solicitation of our mission it has removed this restriction, and has promised to find supporters for as many theological students as the Mission may be able to secure. Seventy-five dollars a year will support a Japanese student of theology at Kumamoto.

NEW STATIONS

While the Mission of the United Synod in the South, moving up from the Island of Kyushu to the main island, Hondo, occupied a new station at Osaka, our mission located its third station in Toyohashi with Rev. J. K. Linn in charge. Toyohashi is a city of 50,000 inhabitants lying between Nagoya and Tokyo, 45 miles from Nagoya and 190 miles from Tokyo. It is a Japanese city of the old type with a rich farming section surrounding it and with a considerable traffic in lumber which is carried down the Toyokawa river, skirting the city on the north. The chief industries, however, are the manufacture of raw silk, "miso," a Japanese breakfast food, machine embroidery, and drawn work. The first mission to occupy Toyohashi was the Canadian Anglican, which began there about 16 years ago. The next was the Southern Presbyterian, which began 14

years ago. There are also in the city a Methodist mission chapel, a Greek Catholic church and a branch of the Salvation Army. After having visited this city, Rev. J. K. Linn wrote as follows: "I asked the missionaries already on the territory about our going into the city. Both the Canadian Anglican and the Southern Presbyterian missionary said that they are now doing all they can and that they are at present contemplating no further expansion. Both of these men entertained me in their homes and gave me a whole morning in showing me the city and furnishing desired information. Later when I wrote them of the decision of our Mission to enter the city, I received letters assuring me of a welcome to Toyohashi. I am sure that our relations with them will be pleasant." Rev. Mr. Linn rented a house in the city at Yen 300, or \$150 a year and started work after the summer vacation. Before occupying Toyohashi the Mission secured the consent of the Executive Committee of the Joint Conference, and the Board sought and obtained the approval of the United Synod's Board. We bespeak for Missionary Linn and his work in Toyohashi the Church's zealous interest and prayers.

ALLOWANCES FOR MISSIONARIES

In consultation with the Foreign Mission Board of the United Synod a revised schedule of allowances for missionaries in Japan was prepared, adopted by both boards and put into force on July 1, 1917. It is as follows:

Salary and Allowances.—1. The necessary and economical expenses of the direct voyage to the mission field, including expenses for freight, shall be paid by the Board. An itemized account of all these expenses shall be sent to the Board by the missionary as soon as possible after reaching the field, and any balance in his hands shall be turned into the Mission treasury. Any additional cost of longer or more expensive routes or of intentional delay on the way, must be borne by the missionary. 2. Each missionary shall receive the sum of \$100 as an outfit allowance on first going to the mission. When accompanied by his wife he shall receive the sum of \$200. 3. Each married missionary shall receive an annual salary according to the following scale: First five years \$1,200; next five years \$1,300; and afterwards to the end of service \$1,500. Each unmarried missionary shall receive an annual salary according to the following scale: First five years \$800; next five years \$900; afterwards to the end of service \$1,000. Each woman missionary shall receive an annual salary according to the following scale: First five years \$700; afterwards to the end of service \$800. In case a woman missionary is obliged to live alone, she shall receive during such time at the rate of \$100 a year in addition to her regular salary. The full salary shall commence on the day of the missionary's arrival on the field, and shall cease on the day he leaves the field, when furlough salary shall begin for such as are on regular furlough or leave of absence. Full salary, however, shall be

paid during the furlough period while the missionary is employed under the direction of the Board. Furlough salary shall be rated at three-fourths of the full salary. 4. The salary above stated is designed to cover all expenses of the missionary and his family except the following allowances: (a) A dwelling for the missionary and his family. This rule shall apply also during the furlough period when deemed necessary by the Board. (b) The sum of \$200 as a maximum is granted each married missionary and \$150 as a maximum for each unmarried missionary for heavy furniture, which shall remain the property of the Mission. (c) The sum of \$100 a year for five years is granted for teacher's allowance. After the expiration of five years in the case of each missionary the Mission shall determine what amount, if any, is needed by the missionary for the service of a Japanese assistant for clerical or literary work, and this amount shall be included in the regular estimates of the Mission. (d) The sum of \$25 a year while on the field is granted each adult missionary as a vacation allowance, and \$10 additional for each child over five years of age. The maximum allowance for a missionary family, however, shall be \$75. (e) The missionary's income tax and other unavoidable taxes are allowed. (f) Actual traveling expenses are allowed while in the service of the mission on the field or while visiting the churches at home under the direction of the Board. (g) Official postage is allowed. (h) The repair of unavoidable wear and tear to the property which is supplied for the missionary's use, is allowed. (i) The expense of the insurance of mission furniture to the amount of its cost value, is allowed. (j) Children's allowance is granted as follows: From the first to the sixth year \$50 a year; seventh to twelfth year \$100 a year; thirteenth to twenty-first year \$150 a year. These increases are allowed only for the purpose of the education of the missionary's children. If a child marries the allowance ceases. Children's allowance shall ordinarily be continued during furlough or leave of absence. The maximum children's allowance for one family is \$500. 5. Missionaries are not permitted to receive for themselves compensation for services rendered to others. Any compensation or reward for such services shall be paid into the Mission treasury, unless otherwise ordered by the Board. Moneys given or sent to any missionary for the use of the Mission must be entered in the Mission accounts.

In addition to these allowances our Board has granted each married missionary an emergency allowance of \$200 for the current year, beginning July 1, 1917, to meet extraordinary expenses incurred on account of illness and the higher cost of living as a consequence of the war in Europe.

CONSTITUTION OF THE MISSION IN JAPAN

The time has come for a better organization of mission work in Japan. The Board has, therefore, approved the following constitution for our Japan Mission:

Constitution of the Japan Mission of the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America.

ARTICLE I. *Name and Status.*—This Mission is known as the Japan Mission of the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America, and constitutes a part of the Joint Conference of Lutheran Missions co-operating in Japan, to which it shall report such items of its action for information of the Joint Conference as shall serve the purposes of said Conference.

ARTICLE II. *Members.*—All missionaries commissioned, sent to Japan, and supported by the Board of Foreign Missions of the General Council shall be members of this Mission. No member, however, shall be entitled to a vote in the Mission until he has spent one year in Japan.

ARTICLE III.—*Duties of Members.*—Each member of the Mission shall submit a written report of his work to the first regular meeting of each year, a copy of which, furnished by the missionary, shall be sent by the secretary of the Mission to the Home Board.

ARTICLE IV. *Officers.*—1. Elections. The Officers of the Mission shall be a President and a Secretary, who shall be elected by ballot and shall serve for a term of two years. They shall enter upon the duties of their offices as soon as their selection shall have been approved by the Board. 2. Duties of Officers. (a) The duties of the President shall be those usually pertaining to that office. He shall call and preside at all meetings or appoint someone to preside in his absence. He must be familiar with the Rules both of the Board and of the Mission, and shall see that they are faithfully observed. No order on the joint treasurer shall be honored without his signature, and he shall keep a neat and permanent record of all such orders. (b) The duties of the Secretary shall be those usually pertaining to the office of a recording and corresponding secretary. He shall record the minutes of each meeting of the Mission and shall be the official correspondent of the Mission with the General Secretary of the Board.

ARTICLE V. *Meetings.*—Four regular meetings shall be held every year and shall be called at or near the beginning of each quarter. A special meeting may be called at any time when there is business of such a nature as to make it necessary. No question can be decided without a two-thirds vote of all the voting members on the field. Between meetings ordinary business may be transacted by letter, but no important question on which there is a division of opinion shall be decided outside of a meeting. Copies of all such letters shall be sent to the Home Board.

ARTICLE VI. *Reports and Official Correspondence.*—Immediately after each meeting of the Mission an official copy shall be sent to the Board of Foreign Missions. This copy shall be written by the secretary and countersigned by the president. All official communications to the Home Board shall invariably be written by the secretary and countersigned by the president.

ARTICLE VII. *Finances of the Mission.*—(1) The Mission shall submit a half yearly, itemized estimate of the general work of the Mission to the Home Board for its approval. (2) The Mission shall not sanction the expenditure of any sum in excess of \$300 without first securing the sanction of the Home Board.

The first meeting of the Mission under this constitution was held at Nagoya, June 5-7, 1917, and the Mission was provisionally organized as follows: President, Rev. Frisby D. Smith; Secretary, Rev. Edward T. Horn. The joint treasurer for all the co-operating missions is Rev. J. P. Nielsen of the Danish Mission.

IMPERATIVE NEEDS OF THE JAPAN MISSION

The Mission in Japan now needs above all other things property, buildings and equipment. These needs were set forth at greater length in the April, 1917, number of "The Foreign Missionary." Here it may suffice to give the briefer statement made by our mission: "The Mission wishes at this time to specify and endorse as urgent the following needs: 1. The purchase of land in Tokyo and the erection of an up-to-date dormitory plant, including a chapel and parsonage. 2. The purchase of land and the erection of a suitable home in Tokyo for the missionary in charge of this station. 3. The purchase of land in Nagoya and the erection of a chapel and parsonage. 4. The purchase of land and the erection of a home for the resident missionary in Nagoya." Since this was written in Japan, Toyohashi has been added as the third mission station, and what applies to Nagoya applies also to Toyohashi. A conservative estimate of the total cost of this equipment is \$55,000 to \$75,000 for all three stations. We look to the General Council Quadri-Centennial Thank-Offering for Missions for the supply of the funds needed for this expansion of our work in Japan.

We take great pleasure in presenting the reports of the missionaries in charge of the stations in Tokyo and Nagoya.

REPORTS OF MISSIONARIES

TOKYO STATION, 1915-16, REV. FRISBY D. SMITH

Since making our report to the last convention of the General Council, the work in Tokyo has enjoyed a slow but steady growth. During the past two years, a new preaching place has been opened and a second Sunday-school organized; the Dormitory has been enlarged and greatly improved; the membership of the congregation has been almost doubled; a church constitution has been adopted and an envelope system introduced with the result that the congregation is now paying ten yen per month on the pastor's salary; 13 have been baptized, and 41 different persons have received the Lord's Supper.

Kikuzaka Street Chapel.—In February, 1915, a second preaching place was opened in Kikuzaka Street of Hongo Ward. This house, which was formerly a rice store and dwelling combined, has been used not only as a

public preaching place, but also as a Sunday-school, as a dispensary, and recently, as a free home for several poor and deserving students.

Our preaching at this place is in the nature of street preaching, and is quite different from the preaching services at our main chapel in the pastor's house. When the weather will permit, the whole front of the building is opened to the street, and many people are able to hear what is said while they remain standing outside. Services are held here regularly on Saturdays and Sundays and, periodically, for several nights in succession or throughout the entire week. The preaching is difficult for a man who has not been trained in the Salvation Army, but we have joined with the pastor in doing our best, and even the new missionaries, with the aid of an interpreter, have rendered assistance in the work. The street is noisy, and the people are always coming and going, but it is safe to say that about 15 or 20 usually stop and listen long enough to have the Gospel preached to them.

The Sunday-school at this place began with 120 children. Not all of them have remained faithful and the names on the first roll have considerably changed, but there are now about 100 who have a right to membership cards, and not a few have remained with us from the beginning and have been advanced to higher classes. Our prayer is that they may be prepared for baptism and finally brought into the Church. The average attendance is about 75. On certain Sundays, there have been big festivals at a neighboring temple, and the school has opened with empty benches. On these occasions, however, the teachers would simply wait, and about half the children would finally come in after having first gone to the heathen festival with their parents. Mrs. Smith has charge of this work, and also plays the organ at the public preaching services.

For several months during 1915, a dispensary and weekly mothers' meetings were also conducted at this same place, but, because of a serious misunderstanding between the doctors who assisted us and the difficulty of securing a good Christian doctor to take charge of the dispensary, this work was discontinued.

During the past winter, Mr. R. Ishimatsu, the blind evangelist of the United Synod Mission, who has been in Tokyo on a leave of absence taking a course in Waseda University, has been making his home in this Kikuzaka street house. Mr. Ishimatsu has greatly aided us in the Sunday-school work and in the preaching services. With him there have been living two others: his nephew, a middle school boy who serves as guide and helper to his blind uncle, and Mr. W. Shimada, a very promising young man who has recently become a theological candidate.

Our Dormitory.—As is stated elsewhere in this report, our Dormitory was considerably enlarged and improved during the summer of 1916, and we now have room for as many as 20 students without too much crowding. Unfortunately, the new houses were not completed until late in the fall after all the schools had opened and the students in the city had

already found their rooms, and, as a result, our dormitory was only half full during the winter months. With the opening of the spring term in April, however, we soon had plenty of applicants, and we are now providing a good home for 19 young men, two-thirds of whom are students of university grade.

In order to give an idea of the good work the dormitory is doing, we would state that, during 1915-16, 16 young men were received as boarders; 5 were already Christians, and, by the first of the present year, 10 out of the remaining 11 had been baptized in our chapel. Some of the men remain in the dormitory for a long time, and there are now four who have been with us for over two years. Practically no new men entered last year, but we now have ten who came this spring, and we hope to be able to make Christians of most of them before they leave.

Our dormitory also takes pride in the studious habits and in the good work done by our men, especially by those who have been with us for a long time. One of the men who entered two years ago has just won the First Prize in the English Department of the Tokyo School of Foreign Languages, and another has made the highest grade in the Tokyo Higher Commercial School, a government school where only about ten percent of the applicants ever succeed in passing the entrance examinations. Several fathers have written letters of thanks to Pastor Yamanouchi, explaining that their sons have made so much better grades since coming under our care, and one woman refused to send money to her son in case he went to any other dormitory or boarding house.

Our Church.—As our church is also the chapel of the dormitory, and as a third of our church members are students in the dormitory, it is difficult to separate one from the other. This is the place of daily worship for the students and of regular Sunday worship for the entire congregation. The average attendance at divine service on Sunday morning is about 35. This means that every chair is occupied, and we are now planning to enlarge the room by using the veranda and putting in ten additional chairs. Even then, the place will be too small for our growing congregation, but it is the best that we can do for the present.

On Sunday evening, the service is in English, and is attended exclusively by students. The new missionaries who have been in Tokyo studying the language have greatly assisted in this part of our work.

In July of last year, our congregation adopted a constitution subject to the approval of the Board, and two church officers were elected and installed. The congregation then began to pay 5 yen per month on the pastor's salary, and, from the first of January, this amount was doubled. Under the present envelope system, 27 members are regular contributors. From January, 1915, to May, 1917, the total amount contributed by the congregation for all purposes was Yen 428.04. The present adult communicant membership is 35.

Women's Meeting.—In 1915, Mrs. Smith organized a women's meeting with six members. This was known as the "Fujinkwai," and met once each month. Unfortunately, however, Mrs. Yamanouchi's health began to fail, and, as Mrs. Smith had no one to assist her, the work was temporarily discontinued. The Board has now authorized us to employ a Bible-woman, and in case a suitable person can be found, we hope to be able to resume this work with a membership of at least 12 women.

Workers and Theological Candidates.—No new helpers have been employed, and our only paid native assistant is Pastor Yamanouchi, who, with his faithful though delicate wife, has been very active and efficient. However, Student Shiina and Miss Yamanouchi have been of much help to us in the work in both of our Sunday-schools. We have also been assisted by Evangelist Ishimatsu of the United Synod Mission and by several of our older students in the dormitory. Another of our students has decided to study for the ministry and will enter the Kumamoto Seminary in the fall.

Missionary English Bible Classes.—The writer has continued to conduct English Bible Classes which now have an enrollment of 31. Mr. Linn has two classes with a total enrollment of 10, and Mr. Thorlaksson also two classes with an enrollment of 8. This means that your missionaries have been coming in touch each week with about 40 students besides those in our dormitory, and it is hard to measure the good that such work may accomplish. I have met many Christians here who have told me that they were first brought into contact with Christianity through the means of some English Bible Class taught by a missionary. Of particular importance is one of Mr. Linn's classes, as it is composed exclusively of students from the Higher Normal School. Mr. Kipps will take charge of this promising class when Mr. Linn leaves Tokyo.

There are 15 men from Kyushu Gakuin who have come to Tokyo for higher study, and who are now to be found in the different schools of the city. Pastor Yamanouchi has looked up these men and has helped them to organize a Kyushu Gakuin Club. As soon as we can make some more room in our chapel, the whole club will be invited to attend our services. I understand that 6 of them are already baptized members of our Kumamoto Church. I think all will agree that facts like these show how very important it is that we have a strong Lutheran Church in the city of Tokyo.

NAGOYA STATION, 1916-1917, REV. EDWARD T. HORN

About the time of the last meeting of the General Council, our Lutheran station in Nagoya was established. The missionary and his family arrived in Nagoya on August 31, 1915; the evangelist and his family arrived about one month later. About a month was spent in making investigation of the work already in progress under other denominations, in seeking for houses, and in other preliminaries. On Reformation Sunday, October 31st, the Lutheran Mission formally opened work here. The

parlor of the evangelist's home was used for our church gatherings; a Bible class taught by the missionary was held in connection with the Sunday-school conducted by the pastor. Besides Sunday classes, Bible classes were held at the missionary's home on three week days. For the whole first year, the average attendance at church was 12; at Sunday-school, 20, and at prayer meetings and all Bible classes, 5.

On January 30, 1916, our first convert was baptized; on March 26th, another was baptized; and on Palm Sunday, two more. All of these first four converts were women. In the fall of 1916 two very promising young men received baptism; in December, a young woman; and in January, 1917, a student, a graduate of Kyushu Gakuin. The accessions of this station to date are thus only eight souls. It is a little flock, to be sure, but encouraging enough as a beginning if only we could build with the assistance of these firstlings. But, alas, of the eight, but three remain in Nagoya. Four of our members have gone to other places in Japan, and one is in Seattle, Washington. This bit of our experience is typical of the difficulty which the Church in general must face. The population of Japan is in a literal sense a floating population, and experience shows that scarcely more than a third of a congregation remains permanently stationary. From one point of view, this fact is very discouraging to the attempt to establish a self-supporting church; but may it not be God's way of scattering the seed of the Gospel and thus effectively hastening the day of the general in-gathering?

In September, 1916, we were able to transfer our church work to better quarters. Here we have an "upper chamber" arranged simply but neatly for morning service; and our downstairs front rooms are used for Sunday-school and for evening evangelistic services. There is a small room, too, for the Young Men's English Bible Class. The pastor's family occupies the remaining rooms in the house.

For the past half year Mrs. Horn has been conducting two English classes for women weekly, with the hope that thus the women might be led to attend church. In connection with these classes, the Bible is taught in Japanese and hymns are sung. We have recently secured the services of a qualified Bible-woman, Mrs. Fujimoto, whose assistance is already producing results in awakening more interest among the women who attend the English classes.

On the whole, it must be said that the work for women presents a more difficult problem than the work for men; it is difficult to get an entree into Nagoya homes. Of all classes, the students of middle school grade are most easily approachable.

This spring we note with gratification increased attendance at all Bible classes and regular Sunday services. However, it is very hard to induce even those who have been receiving Christian instruction for a long time to come to a decision to connect themselves with the Church. While humbly confessing our weakness and lamenting the inadequacy of our

instruction and example, I cannot but feel that there are deep-seated causes in the social and individual life of the people which make it hard for them to realize the importance of taking a decisive attitude in matters of religious faith.

Our fortnightly trips into a certain section of the country, to a distance of about thirty miles from Nagoya, were interrupted by the past severe winter and the illness of Mr. Chiga. We had, by repeated visits, secured a welcome (of varying degrees of "warmth") from the principals of eleven country schools. They accepted the loan of Christian books, and some of the books were read. The most gratifying result of our acquaintance secured in this way is that we have twice been invited to address the local teachers' institutes. At each meeting, there were twenty or more teachers present. The teachers have asked us to address them again at their next quarterly meeting. These may appear trivial matters to mention, but it is through just such small openings that the Gospel must stoop to enter. Mr. Chiga's health is, happily, greatly improved now, but he dare not undertake the laborious physical effort of cycling sixty to seventy-five miles on such a trip, and there are no connections by steam- or tram-car with the places to which we wish to go. Moreover, the city work is such that the pastor cannot afford to devote three days twice a month to this kind of touring. The Board has granted permission to the Mission to secure a young assistant evangelist to help in this country work, but the possibility of securing a suitable man seems remote. An automobile would render it possible for Mr. Chiga to resume the country work, as we could with its assistance do in one day what it now requires three days to accomplish,—and that without any physical strain.

PART V.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS,

JULY 1, 1915, TO JUNE 30, 1917

Receipts

Balance on hand, July 1, 1915	\$30,448 84
Cash received and acknowledged in "The Foreign Missionary" and "Missionsbote":	
Augustana Synod	\$50,348 69
Ministerium of Pennsylvania	49,036 88
Pittsburgh Synod	19,759 47
New York and New England Synod	13,650 59
New York Ministerium	9,118 34
District Synod of Ohio	4,761 99
Synod of the Northwest	4,268 22
Canada Synod	2,866 12
Chicago Synod	2,227 16
Iowa Synod	939 00

Synod of Central Canada	\$ 933 25
Icelandic Synod	555 00
Manitoba Synod	262 50
Nova Scotia Synod	248 92
Pacific Synod	241 68
Buffalo Synod	225 00
Texas Synod	170 19
Porto Rico	45 03
Miscellaneous	7,603 44
Legacies	7,053 36
Annuity	1,000 00
Lace Industry	1,550 00
Interest on deposits	932 84
	*\$177,797 67
Rev. F. Holter for Gossner Mission	650 00
Joint Synod of Ohio for Hermannsburg Mission	6,250 00
	\$215,146 51

*In this amount are included from the different Synods: For German Missions, \$12,133.00; Leipsic Missions, \$59.00; Hermannsburg Missions, \$37.00; Gossner Missions, \$5.37.

Disbursements

To the Treasurer in India by drafts to the Chairman of the Executive Committee:

General expenses to October 1, 1917	\$63,780 00
Bungalow G. C. School, additional	2,332 00
Training School Building	2,000 00
Vacation expenses	1,617 00
Additional Hospital land	933 00
Kodaikanal School grant	900 00
Hostel Building, Peddapur	800 00
Alteration B. C. School Building	666 00
Completion of Telugu Church Book	500 00
Porch, Medical Home	500 00
Deficit G. C. School Building	353 00
Additional Peddapur land	250 00
Christmas boxes	226 46
Servants' quarters at Samulkot	220 00
Partition B. C. School	200 00
Reading room in Rajahmundry	200 00
Wall around Septic tank site	183 00
Purchase of organ	166 00
Korukonda house	166 00
Repairs at Samulkot	166 00
Horse	100 00

Luthergiri well	\$ 100 00	
Tent, Jaggampet District	100 00	
Gift of American Tract Society for Literature..	100 00	
Sundry repairs	912 00	
Sundry expenses	677 12	
Lace Industry	1,550 00	
		\$79,697 58
German Missions		9,600 00
Hermannsburg Missions		5,937 00
Gossner Mission		655 37
Leipsic Mission		69 00
Rev. L. B. Wolf, Treas., German Missions, N. Africa		850 00
Dr. A. P. Fors, Treas. (China)		6 50
Rev. R. Arps		
Salary	\$ 375 00	
Horse allowance	20 00	
Expenses	3,100 00	
		3,495 00
Mrs. H. E. Isaacson		
Allowance to July 1, 1917	\$ 650 00	
Children's allowance	575 00	
Payment on property	2,000 00	
Interest on balance due	100 00	
		3,325 00
Rev. C. F. Kuder, D.D.		
Salary	\$1,750 00	
Children's allowance	500 00	
Expenses to America	1,938 00	
Allowance in America	900 00	
		5,088 94
Rev. Ernst Neudoerffer		
Salary to Oct. 1, 1917	\$2,700 00	
Allowance for bicycle	20 00	
		2,720 00
Rev. O. O. Eckardt		
Salary	\$1,179 17	
Horse allowance	20 00	
Traveling expenses in America	64 21	
Expenses to India	690 38	
		1,953 76
Expenses to America paid in India.		
Rev. O. L. Larson		
Salary to Oct. 1, 1917	\$2,315 27	
Children's allowance	350 00	
Horse allowance	20 00	

Expenses in America	\$ 116 96	
Expenses to India	1,447 36	
Transmitted	30 00	
		4,279 59
Rev. K. Wolters		
Salary to Oct. 1, 1917	\$2,228 67	
Horse allowance	60 00	
		2,288 67
Rev. O. V. Werner		
Salary to Oct. 1, 1917	\$2,000 00	
Horse allowance	40 00	
Transmitted	30 00	
		2,070 00
Rev. F. W. Schaefer		
Salary	\$ 21 88	
Expenses	4 50	
		26 38
Rev. A. F. A. Neudoerffer		
Salary to Oct. 1, 1917		2,075 00
Rev. Thure Holmer		
Salary to Oct. 1, 1917		2,000 00
Prof. H. H. Sipes		
Salary to Oct. 1, 1917	\$1,975 00	
Expenses to America	900 00	
		2,875 00
Rev. F. Coleman		
Salary to Oct. 1, 1917		1,850 00
Rev. E. A. Olson		
Salary to Oct. 1, 1917		1,200 00
Rev. C. F. Tranberg		
Salary to Oct. 1, 1917	\$1,650 00	
Expenses in America	86 64	
Expenses to India	877 45	
		2,614 09
Lydia Woerner, M.D.		
Christmas gift transmitted		89 10
Agnes I. Schade		
Salary to Oct. 1, 1917	\$1,550 00	
Horse allowance	20 00	
Anniversary gift transmitted	350 00	
Personal gift transmitted	10 00	
		1,930 00
Emilie L. Weiskotten		
Salary to Oct. 1, 1917	\$1,400 00	
Gift transmitted	5 00	
		1,405 00

Betty Nilsson, M.D.

Salary to Oct. 1, 1917	\$1,200 00	
Gift transmitted	15 00	
		1,215 00

Sigrid Esberhn

Salary to Oct. 1, 1917	\$1,100 00	
Expenses to India	350 00	
		1,450 00

Agatha Tatge

Salary to Oct. 1, 1917	\$ 604 17	
Expenses in America	11 00	
Expenses to India	488 77	
		1,103 94

Mary Borthwick

Salary to Oct. 1, 1917	1,300 00	
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Mrs. G. Schmidt

Annuity to Oct. 1, 1917	600 00	
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Charlotte Hollerbach

Salary to Oct. 1, 1917	\$ 916 67	
Expenses in America	31 25	
Expenses to India	445 67	
		1,393 59

Virginia Boyer

Salary to Oct. 1, 1917	\$ 916 67	
Outfit	100 00	
Expenses to India	398 64	
Gift transmitted	12 00	
		1,427 31

Agnes Christenson

Salary to Oct. 1, 1917	\$ 916 67	
Outfit	100 00	
Expenses	386 17	
		1,402 84

Christina Eriksson

Salary to Oct. 1, 1917	\$ 916 67	
Outfit	100 00	
Expenses to India	371 14	
		1,387 81

Hilma Levine

Salary to Oct. 1, 1917	\$ 916 67	
Outfit	100 00	
Expenses to India	445 67	
		1,462 34

Anna Rohrer

Salary to Oct. 1, 1917	\$ 916 67
Outfit	100 00
Expenses to India	426 07

1,442 74

Rev. Sigfrid Blomgren

Allowance	\$ 224 00
Expenses	147 15

371 15

Rev. G. K. Andeen

Outfit (2)	\$ 200 00
Expenses	43 90

243 90

Bertha Anderson

Allowance	\$ 80 00
Expenses	55 00

135 00

Hallie I. Bonner

Allowance	\$ 218 00
Outfit	100 00
Expenses	81 05

399 05

Margaret Holtzhauser

Allowance	\$ 198 00
Outfit	100 00
Expenses	36 64

334 64

Hattie Johnson

Allowance	\$ 77 30
Outfit	100 00
Expenses	75 00

252 30

Rev. F. D. Smith

JAPAN

Salary to Oct. 1, 1917	\$2,600 00
Child allowance	100 00

2,700 00

Rev. E. T. Horn

Salary to Oct. 1, 1917	\$2,491 67
Children's allowance	237 50
Advance allowance	200 00

2,929 17

Rev. John K. Linn

Salary to Oct. 1, 1917	\$2,335 00
Child allowance	37 50
Expenses to Japan	576 08

2,948 58

Rev. M. M. Kipps

Salary to Oct. 1, 1917	\$1,397 00	
Outfit (2)	200 00	
Expenses to Japan	442 67	
		2,039 67

Rev. S. A. Thorlaksson

Salary to Oct. 1, 1917	\$1,400 00	
Expenses to Japan	198 50	
		1,598 50

Balance expenses paid by Icelandic Synod.

Rev. C. E. Norman

Outfit (2)	\$ 200 00	
Additional expenses to Japan	200 00	
		400 00

Treasurer in Japan

Kyushu Gakuin expenses	\$5,935 00	
Rents, teachers' salaries and general expenses	10,256 60	
		16,191 60

John A. Cline, Treas.

Kyushu Gakuin Professorship	\$2,400 00	
Kindergarten in Japan	43 73	
Printing Dr. Brown's book	10 00	
		2,453 73

Expenses attending meetings by Board members 1,349 01

Rev. George Drach

Salary to Aug. 1, 1917	\$4,041 64	
Expenses	901 31	
		4,942 95

James M. Snyder

Typewriting reports	\$ 46 96	
Postage	30 97	
		77 93

General Council Publication Board 2,701 99

Investment of Legacies 1,803 50

Sundry expenses 1,823 32

Rev. Charles K. Fegley

Salary (advanced), Secretary and Treasurer of Quadri-Centennial Fund	300 00	
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Montgomery Ward & Co.

Account Rev. O. O. Eckardt	272 89	
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Total \$198,555 43

Balance on hand, July 1, 1917 16,591 08

\$215,146 51

Investments held by the Treasurer:

Wm. H. Trabert Foundation	\$ 500 00
Rev. John Shunk Memorial	500 00
Rev. B. W. Schmauk Legacy	500 00
Nellie L. Williams Memorial Fund	500 00
Swenson Legacy	900 00
Annuity	1,000 00
Mary Wagner Legacy	1,000 00
George Wagner Legacy	1,000 00
Clara Schlegelmilch Legacy	1,000 00
Rev. Dr. J. Fry Fund	1,000 00
Mrs. Mary A. Ratzel Legacy	2,000 00
Unknown Donor Legacy	2,000 00
Weiskotten Memorial Fund	2,000 00
Matilda C. Houser Legacy	2,500 00

JAMES M. SNYDER, *Treasurer.*

We have audited the above accounts and examined the securities, and find the same to be correct.

July 19, 1917.

W. FRED. R. MONROE,

A. RAYMOND BARD,

Auditing Committee.

PART VI

SCHOLARSHIPS

BOYS' CENTRAL SCHOOL, LUTHERGIRI, RAJAHMUNDRY, INDIA

Corrected to July 1, 1917

No.	Pupils	Class	Patrons
1.	Vemuluri Israel	I..	Rev. John Shunk Mem. Fund.
2.	Voodi Solomon	4..	Y. Ladies' B. Cl., Trinity, New York.
3.	Alugu Joseph	III..	Hilda Olson, Altona, Ill.
4.	Chikkile Devadanam	III..	S. S., Ascension, Mt. Airy, Phila.
5.	Deva Daniel	III..	L. L., Bethel, San Jose, Cal.
6.	Alerti Jesudas	III..	S. S., Trinity, Buffalo.
7.	Vagiri Simon	III..	S. S., Friedens, Myerstown, Pa.
8.	Karipalli Cornelius	III..	W. M. Soc., Brush Creek, Pa.
9.	Palaparti Meenasunda	III..	W. M. Soc., Salem, Minneapolis.
10.	Pallikonda Gnananandam	III..	L. L., Leechburg, Pa.
11.	Buggi Luther	II..	Ebenezer, Sacred Heart, Minn.
12.	Sordadasi Christian	III..	S. S., New Windsor, Minn.
13.	Taluri Jesudas	III..	Boys' H. H. Soc., Transfiguration, Pottstown.
14.	Gemupudi Solomon	II..	B. Cl., Bethany, Escanaba, Mich.
15.	Vurram Prakasem	II..	Ladies' M. League, Zion's, Wheeling.
16.	Taluri Luther	III..	St. Peter's, Evans City, Pa.
17.	Vagiri Amos	III..	S. S., Bethel, Chicago.
18.	Geddani Daniel	III..	B. Cl., Bethany, Escanaba, Mich.
19.	Pidakala Jesuratnam	III..	Nellie Nelson, Dayton, Ia.
20.	Kakara Asirvadam	II..	W. Workers, Boxholm, Grant Center, Ia.
21.	Matti Jeevaratnam	II..	Connecticut State Luther League.
22.	Palaparti Joseph	II..	Mrs. G. W. Sandt, St. John's, Melrose Park, Pa.
23.	Mylabattula Joseph	III..	Rev. Dr. J. Fry Fund.
24.	Tatipaka David	II..	W. M. Soc., St. Michael's, Marshallville, O.
25.	Paripalli Jesuratnam	II..	Rev. Dr. J. Fry Fund.
26.	Ponukumatla Cornelius	II..	E. Wessman and R. Roland, Rockford, Ill.
27.	Poturazu Jacob	II..	W. Emans Ch., Red Wing Conf., Minn.

No.	Pupils	Class	Patrons
28.	Doniparti Samuel	3..	Swedish Ch., E. Boston, Mass.
29.	Dasi James	II..	Mrs. David Garber, Allentown.
30.	Tadeparti Jacob	II..	L. League, St. John's, McKeesport, Pa.
31.	Yericherla Sundararow	II..	First Church, Warren, Pa.
32.	Balla McKenzie	II..	Boys' M. Bd., Emmanuel, Pottstown, Pa.
33.	Gidla Abraham	II..	S. S., First Ch., Pittsburgh.
34.	Barre Martin	II..	Foreign Mission Soc., Albert City, Ia.
35.	Monukonda Daniel	I..	S. S., Swedish, Lowell, Mass.
36.	Sille Henry	II..	Mississippi Dist. L. League, Minnesota.
37.	Vardhanapu Krupadanam	II..	S. S., Transfiguration, Phila.
38.	Rapake Simon	II..	S. S., Transfiguration, Pottstown, Pa.
39.	Sabbati Srinivasarow	II..	Mission Soc., Andover, Ill.
40.	Mirtavada Isaac	II..	W. M. Soc., Salem, Lebanon, Pa.
41.	Kankiparti Asirvadam	II..	L. L., Redeemer, Utica, N. Y.
42.	Eidi Edward	II..	L. Aid, Trinity, Jeannette, Pa.
43.	Mylabattula Srinivasarow	II..	L. L., Christ's, West Newton, Pa.
44.	Vipparti Solomon	I..	W. M. Soc., Reformation, Rochester, N. Y.
45.	Vipparti Daniel	II..	W. M. Soc., Zion's, Harmony, Pa.
46.	Dylapalli Elias	II..	S. S., Trinity, Buffalo.
47.	Gandi C. Asirvadam	I..	
48.	Cherugundi Israel	I..	Zion's, Wilmington, Del.
49.	Chinnam Johan	3..	S. S., St. Michael's, Germantown, Phila.
50.	Kakarapu Eleazar	II..	Rev. and Mrs. W. A. Sadtler, Pittsburgh.
51.	Netala Jesuratnam	3..	Sibbie Shoemaker, Greensburg, Pa.
52.	Getala Jesudas	I..	W. Workers, Boxholm, Ia.
53.	Mota Jeevaratnam	I..	Mrs. John F. Jones, Chicago.
54.	Muppidi Anandam	III..	S. S., St. John's, Madrid, Ia.
55.	Geddam Reuben	3..	B. Cl., St. John's, Erie, Pa.
56.	Netala Anandam	III..	L. Aid, Stromback, Montivideo, Minn.
57.	Madda Paul	I..	Mrs. Mary K. Grafmuller, Epiphany, N. York.
58.	Vooba John	I..	M. Soc., Redeemer, Buffalo.
59.	Edla Jacob	II..	S. S., Salem Swedish, Chicago.
60.	Nalli Immanuel	I..	Y. P. Soc., Advent, New York.
61.	Tuluri I. Devasahayam	I..	Louisa Grim, Allentown.
62.	Jonnakuti Prakasem	I..	Tabitha Soc., Dayton, Ia.
63.	Palaparti Manikiam	I..	S. S., Zion's, Easton, Pa.
64.	Jenipi Abraham	I..	L. League, Bangor, Pa.
65.	Dasi David	II..	Men's Guild, Nativity, Phila.
66.	Palaparti Johan	III..	
67.	Kolli Sudharshanarow	I..	Y. P. Soc., Zion's, Easton, Pa.
68.	Peetala Srinivasarow	I..	Mission Soc., Jewett, O.
69.	Marripudi Luther	I..	W. M. Soc., Grace, E. Stroudsburg, Pa.
70.	Pilli Solomon	I..	Bethany, Axtell, Neb.
71.	Pidakala Simon	III..	
72.	Nelaparti Sudarshanam	I..	S. S., Zion's, Easton, Pa.
73.	Raya Sundararow	4..	W. M. Soc., Zion's, Easton, Pa.
74.	Sandi Bhooshanam	I..	L. L., Baldur, Man., Can.
75.	Tuluri Immanuel	I..	S. S., Trinity, Buffalo.
76.	Vijesvarapu Moses	I..	Ccnf. Cl., 1911, Emmanuel, Minneapolis.
77.	Vemuluri Israel	I..	Father Heyer Soc., Theol. Sem., Phila.
78.	Taninka Brahmanandam	4..	Mrs. Jessie F. Friedline, Jones Mills, Pa.
79.	Buditi Krupadanam	I..	S. S., Manhed, Stanton, Ia.
80.	Kanerti Devadas	I..	Band of Mercy, St. John's, Erie, Pa.
81.	Patta Devasahayam	I..	Mrs. T. W. Boileau, Bustleton, Pa.
82.	Bussa Rajarow	I..	S. S., Emmanuel, Germantown, O.
83.	Raya Kaniah	I..	
84.	Chinnam Hans	3..	S. S., Luther Mem., Erie, Pa.
85.	Velagapilli Anandarow	4..	C. J. Blomberg Family, Albert City, Ia.
86.	Ganji Cornelius	4..	St. John's, Middle Lancaster, O.
87.	Poturazu Immanuel	I..	W. M. Soc., St. Peter's, S. Bethlehem, Pa.
88.	Gosala Gabriel	II..	S. S., St. Mark's, Pennsburg, Pa.
89.	Kandru James	III..	S. S., Zion's, Treverton, Pa.
90.	Balla Prabudas	II..	S. S., Ansgarius, Manistee, Mich.
91.	Alerti Christian	I..	
92.	Lankapalli Devadanam	4..	Weiskotten Memorial Fund.
93.	Geddam Rajarow	II..	L. L., Christ's, Pittsburgh.
94.	Torlaparti Isaac	4..	W. W., Zion's, Rockford, Ill.
95.	Pilli Samuel	I..	Martha E. McCully, Trinity, Lancaster, Pa.
96.	Mylabattula Joseph	4..	L. L., Trinity, Norristown, Pa.
97.	Ponumala Paul	4..	
98.	Vagapilli Anandarow	3..	M. Bd., Trinity, Bangor, Pa.
99.	Vagapilli Prasadharow	I..	S. S., St. Stephen's, Toledo, O.
100.	Ardala Daniel	I..	Member, St. Michael's, Germantown, Pa.
101.	Tuluri Devasirvadam	4..	S. S., St. John's, Oshkosh, Wis.
102.	Produkku C. Jesudas	4..	Nellie L. Williams Memorial Fund.
103.	Chinnam Krupadanam	4..	Hannah A. Orris, First Ch., Leechburg, Pa.

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104.	Doniparti Samuel	3..	G. C. Mission League, Monaca, Pa.
105.	Ravi Abraham	4..	G. C. Mission League, Monaca, Pa.
106.	Ravadi David	3..	W. M. Soc., Redeemer, Albany, N. Y.
107.	Godi Sundararow	4..	Mrs. Geary, Anaconda, Mont.
108.	Nittala David	3..	
109.	Inaparti Luke	III..	M. Soc., St. Paul's, Toronto.
110.	Rupam Rajahratnam	4..	Mr. Seltzer's B. Cl., Pottsville, Pa.
111.	Nittala Immanuel	3..	W. M. Soc., Trinity, Reading, Pa.
112.	Choppala Devadanam	3..	
113.	Chinnam Rajarow	II..	W. S. Mohr, Trinity, Reading, Pa.
114.	Chintada John	3..	
115.	Telli Jacob	4..	
116.	Deshabattula Joseph	3..	S. S., Mrs. Friedline, Donegal, Pa.
117.	Inaparti Abel	3..	C. E. Soc., Jones Mills, Pa.
118.	Pitta Anandam	III..	S. S., Trinity, Mt. Joy, Pa.
119.	Koyya Venkataratnam	3..	
120.	Muppidi Jacob	3..	
121.	Jalati Devadanam	4..	John Mayer, Grace, Buffalo.
122.	Penumaka Devasahayam	3..	
123.	Gorda Anandam	III..	Mission Circle, Brockton, Mass.
124.	Pidakala Devasahayam	II..	Conf. Cl., 1912 Emmanuel, Minneapolis.
125.	Chindarda Jeevaratnam	III..	S. S., St. Michael's, Sellersville, Pa.
126.	Betala Martin	4..	
127.	Gurdaparti Prakasem	III..	L. L., Trinity, Phoenixville, Pa.
128.	Penumaka Daniel	I..	L. L., First Ch., Butler, Pa.
129.	Gurrapu Abraham	4..	Weiskotten Memorial Fund.
130.	Yella Devadas	3..	S. S., St. Paul's, New York.
131.	Patta Anandarow	III..	
132.	Inapali Charles	3..	Y. P. Soc., Albert City, Ia.
133.	Andukuri Zexhariah	4..	Rev. H. J. Croushore, Freeburg, Pa.
134.	Netula Anandam	3..	L. L., St. John's, Pittsburgh.
135.	Betala Sundararow	3..	
136.	Netala Devadas	I..	Men's B. Cl., St. John's, Madrid, Ia.
137.	Vara Moses	III..	Weiskotten Memorial Fund.
138.	Boddu James	3..	
139.	Betala Samuel	III..	L. L., Trinity, Pottsville, Pa.
140.	Potti David	III..	Mrs. W. B. Grosh, Allentown, Pa.
141.	Chilakaparti Joseph	3..	
142.	Produkku P. Jesudas	4..	S. S., Franklin and Meadville, Pa.
143.	Taninka Sundanadarow	III..	
144.	Produkku Jeevaratnam	4..	
145.	Potti Asirvadam	III..	
146.	Paduri Moses	3..	
147.	Chinta Satyanandam	3..	
148.	Vasa Peter	3..	
149.	Moora Devasahayam	3..	
150.	Nokku Joseph	3..	
151.	Torta Reuben	3..	
152.	Gumparti Jesudas	3..	
153.	Dake Gideon	3..	
154.	Chintapalli David	3..	
155.	Bussa Krakasem	3..	

Note 1. Under the Head of Class the Roman numerals stand for the respective "Forms," or higher classes, the Arabic numerals for the respective "Standards," or lower classes, in which the pupils have studied during the past school year.

2. Only those names of Patrons are inserted in the list who have paid during the past two years.

3. Omissions and mistakes should be reported to the General Secretary, Rev. George Drach, Trappe, Pa.

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No.	Pupils	Patrons
1.	Matte Chandravati	S. S., Zion's, Johnstown, Pa.
2.	Podimi Kantamma	Arbor Vitae Soc., South Bend, Indiana.
3.	Bonta Chandravati	Y. L. Bible Cl., Gethsemane, Chicago.
4.	Ennapu Satyavati	Bible Class, Grace, Buffalo.
5.	Muppiri C. Kantamma	Wom. M. Soc., St. Michael's, Allentown.
6.	Palaparti Gnanasundari	Sympathetic Circle, Reading, Pa.
7.	Giddi Ratnamma	Mission Workers, St. John's, Phila.
8.	Gummadi Jemima	Jun. Mission Bd., Bath, Pa.

No.	Pupils	Patrons
9.	Madda Karunamma	S. S., First Ch., Pittsburgh.
10.	Garikimukkala Sarah ...	Sew. Circle, Osceola, Neb.
11.	Alamuru Junamma	Y. W. M. Soc., St. John's, Columbia, Pa.
12.	Vinakoti Sundaramma ..	W. M. Soc., Minersville, Pa.
13.	Geddamu Martha	S. S., Minersville, Pa.
14.	Kandavalli Aseervad- amma	Nellie Anderson, Albert City, Ia.
15.	Karra Sundaramma	Y. Ladies' B. Cl., Swedesburg, Ia.
16.	Gidla Paranjotamma	Dorcas Circle, St. John's, Erie.
17.	Nutampati Ruth	Mrs. Dinkey's Cl., Reformation, Roch., N. Y.
18.	Potti Paranjotamma	W. M. Soc., Zion's, Niagara Falls, N. Y.
19.	Velagapalli Suvaramma ..	S. S., Bethel, San Jose, Cal.
20.	Manukonda Dayavati	Mission Soc., Grace, Dunkirk, N. Y.
21.	Godi Siromani	Rev. Weyl's Cl., Grace, New York.
22.	Taninki Satyanandamma.	W. M. Soc., Trinity, Buffalo.
23.	Barre Manikiamma	Earnest Workers, Redeemer, Albany, N. Y.
24.	KarePELLI Manikiamma ..	Zion's, Lunenburg, Nova Scotia.
25.	Potti Gnanasundari	S. S., Messiah, Inplis, Minn.
26.	Teli Shantamma	Rev. and Mrs. C. E. Olson, Boise, Idaho.
27.	Palaparti Ratnamma	Willing Workers, Emmanuel, Minneapolis.
28.	Velagapalli Kempurat- namma	W. M. Soc., Advent, Lancaster, Pa.
29.	Chitturi Kempuratnamma	Concordia Soc., Stillwater, Minn.
30.	Kolle Mary	Mrs. Elmmacher, Lancaster, Pa.
31.	Kunshedepelli Shantamma	W. M. Soc., Resurrection, Phila.
32.	Pidakala Mary	Miss Bauer, Allentown, Pa.
33.	Korakonda Manikiamma.	S. S., Zion's, Easton, Pa.
34.	Velagapalli Alica	Deaconess Motherhouse, Milwaukee, Wis.
35.	Arthala Dorcamma	Ladies' B. Cl., St. John's, Bath, Pa.
36.	Gidla Dinamma	Jun. League, Penns Station, Pa.
37.	Janga Janamma	Mrs. Ed. Cline, Allentown, Pa.
38.	Kollabattula Kantamma ..	Miss Kaehler's Cl., Trinity, Buffalo.
39.	Ganta Dinamma	S. S., Zion's, Johnstown, Pa.
40.	Bethala Grace	Our Saviour, Trenton, N. J.
41.	Tota Annamma	Dorcas Circle, St. John's, Erie.
42.	Ravva Vairavati	Jun. League, Grace, Reading, Pa.
43.	Jalluri Sundaramma	S. S., Epiphany, Pittsburgh.
44.	Garikimukkula Rhoda ..	Jun. League, Grace, Reading.
45.	Mogalapu Mary	Sister Lena Rasch, Milwaukee, Wis.
46.	Budala Paranjotamma ..	M. Soc., Zion's, Ambridge, Pa.
47.	Pidakala Sarah	King's Daughters, Trinity, Buffalo.
48.	Tota Shantamma	Sunday-school, Resurrection, Phila.
49.	Nokke Mary	Mission Bd., Nellie Nelson, Dayton, Ia.
50.	Palaparti C. Kantamma..	Y. Ladies' Soc., St. Mark's, Phila.
51.	Ennapu Ratnamma	Miss Etta Fackiner, Summit, N. J.
52.	Taluri Chandravati	S. F. Telleen, Ridgewood, N. J.
53.	Mylabattula Agnes	W. M. Soc., St. Paul's, Orwigsburg, Pa.
54.	Matte Satyavati	Catechumens, Christ's, Hazleton, Pa.
55.	Buditi S. Manikiamma ..	Deaconess Motherhouse, Milwaukee, Wis.
56.	Nitalla Margaret	Girls' M. Bd., Christ's, Hazleton, Pa.
57.	Potla Kantamma	W. M. S., Lily Lake, Ill.
58.	Balla Mary Augusta	W. M. Soc., Trinity, Danville, Pa.
59.	Metti Mary Survanamma.	Mrs. J. Lange, Grace, New York.
60.	Potti Sarah	Children's M. Bd., Immanuel, Chicago.
61.	Kollabattula Ratnamma ..	Jun. Workers, Grace, Youngstown, Pa.
62.	Taluri Suryakantamma ..	Miss L. Kline, Grace, New York.
63.	Addinki Shantamma	M. Soc., Advocate, Germantown, Phila.
64.	Manukonda S. Kantamma.	Jun. Workers, Grace, Youngstown, Pa.
65.	Gedala Lydia	L. L., St. Paul's, Morrisburg, Ont.
66.	Rapaka Shantamma	W. M. Soc., St. Michael's, Allentown, Pa.
67.	Polumati Annamma	Luth. Ch., Milville, N. J.
68.	Betala Dinamma	Jun. M. Soc., St. James', Reading.
69.	Taluri Sundaramma	Jun. M. Soc., Apostles', Phila.
70.	Dara Manikiamma	Girls' M. Bd., Christ's, Hazleton, Pa.
71.	Pidakala Dinamma	Y. L. B. Cl., Emmanuel, Souderton, Pa.
72.	Kondeti Neelavati	Mrs. Gustav Johnson, Osage City, Kans.
73.	Ella Kantamma	Mrs. Weyle's Cl., Grace, New York.
74.	Buditi Mary	S. S., Trinity, Greenville, Pa.
75.	Chendalada Mary	Jun. C. E. Soc., Robeson, Pa.
76.	Manukonda Shantamma ..	Earnest Workers, Redeemer, Albany, N. Y.
77.	Rapaka Martha	Ladies' Soc., Elizabethville, Pa.
78.	Nutampati Lydia	W. M. Soc., Grace, Dunkirk, N. Y.
79.	GollePELLI Susanna	Mission Workers, St. John's, Phila.
80.	Karre Satyavati	S. S. Cl., Immanuel, Akron, Ia.

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81.	Palaparti Mary	S. S., Luther Mem., Erie.
82.	Sandi Gnanaratnamma ..	Sister Ida Buck, Milwaukee, Wis.
83.	Rapaka Chandravati	Miss Cornelius' C., Trinity, Buffalo.
84.	Dandingi Ratnamma	Mr. and Mrs. Broden, Essex, Ia.
85.	Kottepelli Mary	S. S. Cl., Trinity, Buffalo.
86.	Moka Shantamma	Mrs. Hoffman, St. John's, Phila.
87.	Vantabattini Kantamma ..	Mrs. Hoffman, St. John's, Phila.
88.	Vinakota Kantamma	S. S., Trinity, Greenville, Pa.
89.	Talla Neelavati	Dorcas Soc., Madrid, Ia.
90.	Sainamu Annamma	Jun. L. L., St. Matthew's, Leetsdale, Pa.
91.	Kottepelli Kantamma ..	W. M. Soc., St. Luke's, Allentown.
92.	Potti Kantamma	Sisters Clara and Wilhelmina, Milwaukee.
93.	Dukkupati Manikiamma ..	S. S., Luther Mem., Erie, Pa.
94.	Gidla Karunamma	O. G. Anderson, Augustana, Sioux City, Ia.
95.	Erlapati Sunandatamma ..	Linnea Soc., Lake City, Ill.
96.	Motukuri Manikiamma ..	Bible Cl., Marathon, Ia.
97.	Pilli Martha	S. S., First Ch., Pittsburgh.
98.	Vepuri Julia	Industrial School, Advent, N. Y.
99.	Silla Bhagyavati	S. S., Trinity, Mt. Joy, Pa.
100.	Manukonda Pushparaja ..	Grateful Trio, Salem, Chicago.
101.	Palaparti Kempuratnam- ma	Sister Martha Gensike, Milwaukee.
102.	Chendalada Miriam	W. M. Soc., Incarnation, Phila.
103.	Tadiparti Kantamma	L. League, Dushore, Pa.
104.	Taluri Kantamma	S. S., Salem, Rockford, Ill.
105.	Redemelli Kantamma	Jun. Mission Bd., Jeannette, Pa.
106.	Bandela S. Manukiamma ..	Dorcas Soc., Des Moines, Ia.
107.	Adangi Satyavati	Dorcas Soc., Zion's, Swea City, Ia.
108.	Boosi Asirvadamma	Ladies' Soc., First Ch., Pittsburgh.
109.	Manukonda Dayavati	Mission Circle, Zion's, Erie.
110.	Erram Sundaramma	Mission Circle, Grace, Rochester, N. Y.
111.	Buditi Catharine	Mission Circle, Grace, Rochester, N. Y.
112.	Sade Manikiamma	S. S., Minersville, Pa.
113.	Yapati Mary	Mission Bd., Jerusalem, Schwenksville, Pa.
114.	Chinnam Mary	Tabitha Soc., Augustana, Chicago.
115.	Patsamatla Alexandra ..	Temple Children, St. Peter's, North Wales, Pa.
116.	Aridella Aseervadamma ..	W. M. Soc., Emmanuel, Pottstown, Pa.
117.	Potti Mary	Alma Mission Soc., Mead, Neb.
118.	Kandavalli Esther	Ladies' Aid, Mist, Ore.
119.	Deshabattula Kantamma ..	Flora I. Heber, Redeemer, Utica, N. Y.
120.	Bera Krupavati	W. M. Soc., St. John's, Auburn, Pa.
121.	Madika Jessies	W. M. Soc., St. John's, Allentown, Pa.
122.	Maka Kantamma	W. Bible Cl., Unity, Manor, Pa.
123.	Veravalli Sundaramma ..	Mary A. Henrich, Trinity, Buffalo.
124.	Geddamu Prasafhamma ..	Dorcas Soc., Des Moines, Ia.
125.	Velagapalli Mary	Salena Becker, Williamsburg, Ont.
126.	Kayala Velugu	Mrs. Moreland's Cl., Madrid, Ia.
127.	Mallipuvala Anantamma ..	Ladies' Soc., St. John's, Zanesville, O.
128.	Kondeti Kantamma	L. League, St. John's, Homestead, Pa.
129.	Gollepelli Krupavati	Sorosis Soc., Dahlsborg, S. Dakota.
130.	Potla Mary	Men's Guild, Nativity, Phila.
131.	Devabarkina Dinamma ..	M. Soc., Trinity, Lansford, Pa.
132.	Muppidi Mary	Girls' M. Bd., Christ's, Tinicum, Pa.
133.	Busa Jemima	Notawenan Bible Cl., Zion's, Kewanee, Ill.
134.	Arigela Dinamma	S. S., St. John's, E. Mauch Chunk, Pa.
135.	Gudisi Papamma	Florence Silvern, Osage City, Kan.
136.	Vemana Satyavati	Girls' M. Soc., Stanton, Ia.
137.	Paduri Shantamma	Mary Lundgren Mem., Elgin, Ill.
138.	Vepuri Victoria	Miss N. Lundquist, Rockford, Ill.
139.	Motukuri Vegulu	First Ch., Butler, Pa.
140.	Boosi Alice	L. League, St. John's, Maywood, Ill.
141.	Manda Grace	W. M. Soc., Holy Communion, Phila.
142.	Pidakala Ch. Mary	W. M. Soc., Holy Communion, Harrisburg, Pa.
143.	Edla Karunamma	Rev. C. L. Warstler, Whitestone, Ind.
144.	Gedala Sundari	Golden Rule Cl., Reformation, Roch., N. Y.
145.	Dylapalli Elizabeth	Mission Soc., St. Paul's, DuBois, Pa.
146.	Mallabattula Paranjot- amma	W. W., Bethany, Hepburn, Ia.
147.	Manukonda Shantamma ..	Mrs. J. Kelting, St. Matthew's, Toledo, O.
148.	Edla Karunamma	Sew. Circle, Albert City, Ia.
149.	Adedela Krupavati	Eugenia Soc., Boone, Ia.
150.	Bhupati Krupavati	Hindu Girls' Friends, Geneva, Ill.
151.	Sodadasi Ratnamma	Dorcas Circle, Unity, Manor, Pa.
152.	Andukuri Mary	L. League, St. John's, Allentown.
153.	Taluru Suryakantamma ..	Hilda Martinson, Denver, Col.

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154.	Guttulukkala D. Karun- amma	Bethany Daughters, Erie, Pa.
155.	Betala Kamalakshamma..	Girls' For. M. Soc., Stanton, Ia.
156.	Podapati Sarah	Messiah, English, Lindsborg, Kansas.
157.	Pidakala Mary	Ladies' Bible Cl., Trinity, Leesport, Pa.
158.	Mallipuvalla Suvasamma..	L. League, St. Paul's, Lima, O.
159.	Sheikili Sundari	M. Soc., Trinity, English, Chicago.
160.	Sodadasi Chandrakan- tamma	Ladies' M. Soc., Grace, Youngstown, Pa.
161.	Madda Gnanaratnamma..	W. M. Soc., St. Mark's, South Bethlehem, Pa.
162.	Jetti Sundari	Mrs. H. M. Bickel, Harrisburg, Pa.
163.	Ponuka Meenakoli	Bible Class, Zion's, Phila.
164.	Geddamu Chandravati ..	White Clover Soc., Christ's, Hazleton, Pa.
165.	Pidakala Kamalakshi ..	Ladies' Aid, Holy Spirit, Reading, Pa.
166.	Villuri Kempuratanamma..	Esther Peterson, Des Moines, Ia.
167.	Dyamu Sundari	Tabitha Bible Cl., St. Paul's, Chicago.
168.	Pattula Ratnamma	Girls' M. Bd., Zion's, Rockford, Ill.
169.	Karra Krupabai	Theodiphic Cl., Kewanee, Ill.
170.	Manniti M. Ratnamma ..	Mrs. Griffin's Cl., Zion's, Johnstown, Pa.
171.	Potti M. Ratnamma	Jr. M. Soc., Trinity, Versailles, O.
172.	Nakka Sundaramma	Hawkinson's Bible Cl., Zion's, Rockford.
173.	Chandramala Ratnamma..	Sister Emma Fette, Zelienople, Pa.
174.	Pidakala Dinama	Willing Workers, La Porte, Ind.

Note.—In addition to these assignments there are ten patrons on the waiting list, who, despite no assignments, have each paid \$15.00 during the past two years. Names of patrons who have not paid during the past two years have been dropped from the list of assignments. As soon as a patron wishes to discontinue the support of a scholarship, the General Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions should be notified. He should also be informed of any mistakes in the printed lists.

NATIVE WORKERS IN INDIA SUPPORTED

In the following list the names of the districts in which the native workers are employed are abbreviated as follows: Bh.—Bhimawaram; Rj.—Rajahmundry; Dw.—Dowlaishwaram; Ta.—Tallapudi; Td.—Tadepalligudem; Kr.—Korukonda; Jg.—Jaggampetta; Sk.—Samulkot.

The names of 37 patrons are carried along despite the fact that there is no record of payments during the past two years, in the hope that the payments will eventually be made.

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No.	Names and Districts	Work	Patrons
1.	Vagiri Benjamin, Bh.,	Teacher.....	W. M. Soc., Leechburg, Pa.
2.	Geddam Jeevaratnam, Ta.,	Catech- hist	S. S., Ljunghed, Albert City, Ia.
3.	Mangamuri Jesudas, Dw.,	Evangel- ist	Frieden's, Versailles, O.
4.	Thota Samuel, Jg.,	Catechist.....	B. Cl., Bethany, Lindsborg, Kans.
5.	Mallepu William, Dw.,	Evangelist..	Mission Soc., Salem, Rockford, Ill.
6.	P. Ranaganayakamma, Rj.,	B. Woman	Rev. and Mrs. Critchlow, Wheeling.
7.	Mogalapu Lazarus, Dw.,	Evang.....	Y. P. Soc., Richfield Ch., St. Paul.
8.	Vellugapalli Prakasem, Bh.,	Evang.	L. L., Beaver Falls, Pa.
9.	Pidakala Gamaliel, Bh.,	Teacher....	L. M. Soc., Morrisburg, Ont.
10.	Godi Paradesi, Bh.,	Catechist	S. S., First Ch., Galesburg, Ill.
11.	G. Eliza, Rj.,	Bible-Woman	Caroline Johnson, Chicago.
12.	Pilli James, Bh.,	Evangelist	L. L., Salem, Minneapolis.
13.	Sandi Barnabas, Bh.,	Teacher	Girls' M. Soc., Jamestown, N. Y.
14.	Battini John, Dw.,	Evangelist.....	Wm. Benbow, Buffalo, N. Y.
15.	Kandavalli David, Sk.,	Teacher....	Rev. and Mrs. Langhans, Greenville, Pa.
16.	Geddam Lazarus, Ta.,	Teacher....	Grace, Lancaster, Pa.
17.	Pidakala Moses, Bh.,	Evangelist....	Dorcas Soc., Emmanuel, Evanston, Ill.
18.	Muppidi Samuel, Bh.,	Teacher.....	Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Pfeager, Mechanics- burg, Pa.
19.	Gidla Timothy, Sk.,	Teacher.....	Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Sardeson, Chicago.
20.	Matta Cornelius, Bh.,	Teacher.....	Allentown Conf. Women's M. Soc.
21.	Pidakala Ezekiel, Bh.,	Teacher....	L. L., St. Paul's, Galt, Ont.
22.	Karre Satyanandam, Bh.,	Teacher..	Rev. and Mrs. W. L. Stough, Phila.
23.	Pattam Daniel, Bh.,	Teacher.....	S. S., St. Mark's, Williamsport, Pa.
24.	Alerti Lazarus, Bh.,	Teacher.....	A Friend, Grace, Bethlehem, Pa.
25.	Arigela Jacob, Td.,	Teacher.....	St. John's, Sinking Springs, Pa.
26.	Pidakala Caleb, Bh.,	Evangelist....	Y. Men's B. Cl., Trinity, Buffalo.

No.	Names and Districts	Work	Patrons
27.	Katam Jeremiah, Dw.,	Evangelist..	S. S., Campella, Mass.
28.	Potla Elisha, Rj.,	Teacher.....	M. Soc., St. Peter's, Amanda, O.
29.	Raya David, Sk.,	Teacher.....	S. S., Bethany, Lindsborg, Kans.
30.	Nalli Thomas, Dw.,	Evangelist.....	Bible Cl., Emmanuel, Chicago.
31.	Raya Thomas, Dw.,	Evangelist.....	S. S., Emmanuel, Phila.
32.	Potti Aaron, Td.,	Evangelist.....	Mrs. Albert Laub, Trinity, Buffalo.
33.	J. Anna, Dw.,	Bible-Woman.....	Mrs. and Miss K. Sadtler, Baltimore.
34.	Jerriprolu John, Sk.,	Catechist.....	S. S. Teachers, St. Michael's-Zion's, Phila.
35.	Jerti Jeevaratnam, Sk.,	Teacher.....	
36.	Potti Stephen, Bh.,	Catechist.....	Mrs. Fulmer, Trinity, Lancaster, Pa.
37.	Pidakala Samson, Bh.,	Teacher....	Mrs. C. H. Colin, Sand Lake, Wis.
38.	Raya Samuel, Dw.,	Teacher.....	S. S., Trinity, New Haven, Conn.
39.	Nittala Philip, Jg.,	Catechist.....	Y. P. Soc., Augustana, Minneapolis.
40.	Vakapilli Prakasem, Sk.,	Evang.....	Y. P. Soc., Augustana, Minneapolis.
41.	Buditi Shadrach, Td.,	Teacher.....	S. S. Teachers' Assoc., S. W. Conf., Ohio.
42.	Taluri Shadrach, Bh.,	Teacher.....	St. John's, Stroudsburg, Pa.
43.	Panda Nathaniel, Bh.,	Teacher....	John Bergman, Bethel, Neb.
44.	Eli James, Kr.,	Evangelist.....	W. M. Soc., Emmanuel, Lancaster, Pa.
45.	Pidakala Barnabas, Bh.,	Teacher..	Fridhem Ch., Funk, Neb.
46.	.....	.....	.....
47.	N. Deborah, Rj.,	Bible-Woman.....	Dorcas Soc., Salsburg, Kan.
48.	Dudala Isaac, Bh.,	Teacher.....	E. Side L. L., Bethany, Lindsborg, Kan.
49.	Manukonda Lazarus, Bh.,	Evang....	Y. P. Soc., Augustana, Inplis, Minn.
50.	Vellagapalli Alfred, Bh.,	Evang....	Lillian Ellison, Kansas City, Mo.
51.	Potti Nathaniel, Bh.,	Teacher.....	Y. P. Soc., St. John's, Rochester, N. Y.
52.	Nittla Moses, Bh.,	Teacher.....	Rev. and Mrs. A. H. Hulthusen, Jersey City.
53.	Ella Job, Td.,	Evangelist.....	S. S., Knoxville, Ill.
54.	Kandavalli Christian, Bh.,	Teacher.	Cossman-Hayunga Soc., Theol. Sem., Waterloo, Ont.
55.	Gumpula Shadrach, Bh.,	Teacher..	S. S., Trinity, Elgin, Ill.
56.	Manukonda Jesudas, Bh.,	Teacher..	S. S., Trinity, Galesburg, Ill.
57.	Boosi Albert, Ta.,	Teacher.....	L. Workers, H. Com., Utica, N. Y.
58.	Gidla Rosanna, Sk.,	Teacher.....	Mrs. Marie Von Gerber, Boston, Mass.
59.	Gopala Samuel, Dw.,	Teacher.....	B. Cl., Gethsemane, Seattle, Wash.
60.	Taluri Solomon, Dw.,	Evangelist....	S. S., Chariton, Ia.
61.	Morampudi Daniel, Dw.,	Evang....	Dorcas Soc., Swede House, Neb.
62.	Polumati Lazarus, Dw.,	Evang....	Busy Bee, Bethany, Lindsborg, Kans.
63.	Kandavalli Daniel, Bh.,	Teacher....	Sorosis Soc., Assyria, Kans.
64.	Pidakala Nathaniel, Bh.,	Teacher..	L. L., St. Luke's, Noxen, Pa.
65.	Madikonda Daniel, Kr.,	Teacher....	S., Swedish, Nagatuk, Conn.
66.	Devabarikini Joseph, Bh.,	Teacher.	Swedish Ch., South Brooklyn, N. Y.
67.	Pilli Samuel, Bh.,	Evangelist.....	Ladies' Aid, Emmanuel, Chicago.
68.	Raya Isaiah, Dw.,	Teacher.....	Mrs. W. C. Drach's Cl., Concordia, Buffalo.
69.	Kandikatla Jonathan, Bh.,	Teacher.	S. S., Emmanuel, Omaha, Neb.
70.	Mylabattula Venkataratnam, Bh.,	Teacher	A. U. Schoppe, Lynbrook, L. I., N. Y.
71.	Jerti Kantamma, Sk.,	Teacher.....	Immanuel, Swedish, Chicago.
72.	Gollapalli Kantamma, Td.,	Teacher.	S. S., Bethany, Lindsborg, Kans.
73.	Manukonda James, Bh.,	Teacher..	Y. P. Soc., St. Matthew's, Kellers, Pa.
74.	Bale Moses, Bh.,	Teacher.....	A Member, Bethany, Lindsborg, Kans.
75.	Raya Jacob, Dw.,	Teacher.....	Jun. League, St. John's, Miamisburg, O.
76.	Adla Samuel, Dw.,	Teacher.....	W. M. Soc., Salem, Bethlehem, Pa.
77.	Kattula Johan, Dw.,	Teacher.....	A Member, First English, St. Peter, Minn.
78.	Balla Anandam, Dw.,	Teacher.....	W. Workers, Red Oak, Ia.
79.	Pattula Judah, Td.,	Teacher.....	M. Soc., Berlin, Ont.
80.	Mogalapu Ratnamma, Dw.,	Teacher.	Amanda Westling, Chariton, Ia.
81.	Dandinga Ratnamma, Dw.,	Teacher.	Alma Clay, Chariton, Ia.
82.	Nittala Shantamma, Kr.,	Teacher..	Ella Nelson, Chariton, Ia.
83.	Gummapu Kantamma, Dw.,	Teacher.	P. E. Johnson, Chariton, Ia.
84.	Peetala Helena, Kr.,	Teacher.....	English Bible Cl., Chariton, Ia.
85.	Shelumiel Kantamma, Sk.,	Teacher.	Ladies' Aid, Oakes, N. Dak.
86.	Karre Manikiamma, Sk.,	Teacher..	Mr. and Mrs. Axel Norman, Swedesburg, Ia.
87.	Nambala Paul, Bh.,	Teacher.....	A. G. Nelson, Wilcox, Sask., Can.
88.	Mogalapu Srinivasarow, Dw.,	Teach.	W. M. Soc., St. Paul's, Roch., N. Y.
89.	Balla C. Anandam, Dw.,	Teacher..	St. Jacobus, Philadelphia.
90.	Vemana Paradesi, Dw.,	Teacher....	Bible Cl., Messiah, Austin, Ill.
91.	Ponuku Nathaniel, Bh.,	Teacher..	W. M. Soc., St. John's, Syracuse, N. Y.
92.	Balla Cyrus, Dw.,	Teacher.....	Rev. and Mrs. H. C. Kline, Bethlehem, Pa.
93.	Jerti Ratnamma, Sk.,	Teacher.....	Swedish Ch., Vilas, Kans.
94.	Jerti Isaiah, Sk.,	Teacher.....	W. M. Soc., Christ's, Easton, Pa.

No.	Names and Districts	Work	Patrons
95.	Motakuri John, Sk., Teacher.....	Mrs. D. Askegaard, Comstock, Ia.	
96.	Nambattulu Prakasem, Sk., Teach..	Emma Johnson, Monmouth, Ill.	
97.	Nela Isaac, Kr., Catechist.....	Y. L. Circle, Trinity, Swd., Chicago.	
98.	Pattu Bulla, Sk., Teacher.....	For. Mission Soc., Ottumwa, Ia.	
99.	Tuluri Cornelius, Sk., Teacher.....	C. J. Eckfeld, Ottumwa, Ia.	
100.	Pilli Mark, Td., Teacher.....	For. Mission Soc., Ottumwa, Ia.	
101.	Produkku Johan, Dw., Teacher....	Ladies' Soc., Zion's, Greensburg, Pa.	
102.	Mylabattula Meshech, Td., Teacher..	Ladies' Soc., Zion's, Greensburg, Pa.	
103.	Tota Ruth Joseph, Rj., B-Woman..	Epiphany, Manayunk, Phila.	
104.	Madekonda Anna, Dw., Teacher....	Mrs. Peter Nelson, Chariton, Ia.	
105.	Mallepu Sunderamma, Dw., Teacher..	A. E. and H. A. Lundgren, Chariton, Ia.	
106.	Kolerti John, Td., Teacher.....	Rev. and Mrs. J. O. Glenn, Irwin, Pa.	
107.	Lankapalli Jacob, Td., Teacher....	Signe Edstrom, Des Moines, Ia.	
108.	Pantagani Paranjodhamma, Td., Teacher	Rev. and Mrs. J. E. Larson, Gwinner, N. Dak.	
109.	Rapaka Isaac, Td., Evangelist....	Resurrection, Buffalo.	
110.	Mylabattula Peter, Td., Teacher....	Omaha Deaconess' Institute.	
111.	Geddani Gabriel, Td., Teacher.....	S. S., Harolds-Seanor, Penna.	
112.	Gollapalli Jesudas, Rj., Teacher....	Jr. Mission Soc., St. Mark's, New Stan- ton, Pa.	
113.	Nutangi Prakasem, Ta., Teacher....	Peter Nehleen, Cambridge, Mass.	
114.	Bandilla Nathaniel, Td., Teacher..	Jr. League, Grace, Youngstown, Pa.	
115.	Bandilla James, Td., Teacher.....	English S. S., St. John's, Buffalo.	
116.	Namburi Devadanam, Td., Teacher..	English S. S., St. John's, Buffalo.	
117.	Alamuri Shadrach, Rj., Teacher....	S. S. and Y. P. Soc., Redwood, N. Y.	
118.	Teli Joseph, Td., Teacher.....	Ladies' Soc., Fremont, Kans.	
119.	Chinnamu Anandayya, Jg., Catech...	Kansas Conference.	
120.	Penumaka Dwarkadas, Ta., Evang..	Jr. Bible Cl., Zion's, Niagara Falls, N. Y.	
121.	Pattula Benjamin, Td., Evangelist..	Mission Soc., St. John's, Buffalo.	
122.	Potla Daniel, Td., Teacher.....	Mission Soc., St. John's, Buffalo.	
123.	Chitti Cornelius, Bh., Teacher.....	Kings' Daughters, Trinity, Buffalo.	
124.	Chitturi Andrew, Bh., Teacher.....	Ladies' Aid, Goodrich, N. Dak.	
125.	.....	.....	
126.	Vemuluri Jacob, Ta., Teacher.....	S. S. Class, Advent, N. Y. City.	
127.	Gandi Stellamma, Ta., Teacher....	Conf. Class, Emmanuel, Minneapolis.	
128.	Pantala Huldamma, Ta., Teacher..	Ladies' Aid, Emmanuel, Minneapolis.	
129.	Boosi Marthamma, Ta., Teacher....	Ladies' Aid, Swedesburg, Ia.	
130.	Chintala Veeraswami, Dw., Evang..	S. S. Assoc., St. John's, West New York, N. J.	
131.	Vipparti Israel, Td., Teacher.....	William H. Trabert Foundation.	
132.	Irlaparti Johan, Dw., Evangelist...	Christus, Rochester, N. Y.	
133.	J. Franklin William, Dw., Teacher..	L. League, Monaca, Pa.	
134.	Godi Sadhuru, Bh., Teacher.....	Ch. Council, Atonement, Buffalo.	
135.	Konala Prakasem, Bh., Teacher....	Ch. Council, Atonement, Buffalo.	
136.	Mylabattula Martin, Bh., Catechist..	Boys' League, Bethlehem, Pa.	
137.	Jerruprolu Jacob, Jg., Catechist....	S. S., St. James', Reading, Pa.	
138.	Betala Peter, Bh., Catechist.....	Mission Soc., Monmouth, Ill.	
139.	Manukonda Matthew, Bh., Teacher..	Bible Class, Monmouth, Ill.	
140.	Vipparti Prakasem, Bh., Teacher...	Mrs. J. W. Felty, St. Paul's, Hartford.	
141.	A. Ruth, Rj., Bible-Woman.....	Mission Soc., St. John's, Duluth, Minn.	
142.	Potturazu Sadhuvu, Bh., Teacher...	S. S. Assoc., W. Chicago District, Ill.	
143.	Gope Meshech, Bh., Evangelist....	W. M. Soc., Mulberry, Ind.	
144.	Dylapalli Anamma, Ta., Teacher..	W. M. Soc., Mulberry, Ind.	
145.	Kattragedda Shadrach, Bh., Teach..	Foreign Mission Soc., Keokuk, Ia.	
146.	Taluri Meshech, Bh., Teacher.....	Mission Soc., Ottumwa, Ia.	
147.	Kusimi Abraham, Bh., Teacher...	Mission Soc., Ottumwa, Ia.	
148.	Yerragapalli David, Bh., Teacher..	W. M. Soc., Trinity, Rochester, N. Y.	
149.	Addanki Samuel, Bh., Teacher.....	L. L., Salemsburg, Kans.	
150.	G. Sarah, Dw., Bible-Woman.....	Ladies' Aid, Swedesburg, Ia.	
151.	Venumatla Mark, Bh., Teacher....	Jr. Mission Bd., St. Peter's, Lancaster, O.	
152.	Nelaparti Benjamin, Bh., Teacher...	W. M. Soc., Paradise, New Buffalo.	
153.	Lankapalli Lazarus, Td., Evang....	Y. W. B. Cl., Augustana, Denver, Colo.	
154.	Vardanapu Joseph, Bh., Teacher...	W. M. Soc., Preston, Ont.	
155.	Akuluri Joseph, Bh., Teacher.....	Mission Soc., First Ch., Tacoma, Wash.	
156.	Vipparti Venkataratnam Bh., Tch.....	.....	
157.	Boosi Bhushanam, Bh., Evangelist..	Martha Soc., Essex, Ia.	
158.	.....	.....	
159.	Gandi Paul, Bh., Teacher	Swedish Ch., Cambridge, Mass.	
160.	Madapati David, Bh., Teacher.....	.....	
161.	Vardhanapu Andrew, Bh., Teacher..	J. H. Larson, Sioux City, Ia.	
162.	Pidakala Mariamma, Td., Teacher..	Swedish Ch., Geneseo, Ill.	
163.	Alamuri C. Miriamma, Rj., Teacher.....	.....	
164.	Manda Bhushanam, Bh., Teacher..	Swedish Ch., Paxton, Ill.	
165.	Mannerti Krupavati, Bh., Teacher..	L. L., Latrobe, Pa.	

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166.	Alamuri Paul, Bh., Teacher.....		
167.	Gedala Alfred, Bh., Teacher.....	Emily K. Dietz, Phila.	
168.	Kandikatla Agnes, Bh., Teacher....	Bible Students, Emmanuel, Minneapolis.	
169.	Rava Dinamma, Sk., Teacher.....	W. M. Soc., Delmont, Pa.	
170.	Yerragaparti Sadhuru, Bh., Teacher....	S. S., Pontiac, R. I.	
171.	Manukonda James, Bh., Teacher....	S. S., Sioux City, Ia.	
172.	Sandi Barnabas, Bh., Teacher.....	V. A. Swan, Sioux City, Ia.	
173.	Andukuri Booshanam, Bh., Teacher.....		
174.	Palaparti Devadanam, Bh., Teacher.....		
175.	Potti Nathaniel, Bh., Teacher.....	Dorcas Soc., St. Paul's, Redwood, N. Y.	
176.	Gutla Joseph, Bh., Teacher.....	Y. M. Class, Trinity, Rochester, N. Y.	
177.	Namburi Stephen, Td., Teacher.....	S. S. Assoc., Ascension, Mt. Airy, Phila.	
178.	Teli Estheramma, Td., Teacher....	Three Sisters, Motherhouse, Milwaukee.	
179.	Teli C. Krupadam, Td., Teacher.....		
180.	Potti David, Td., Teacher.....	W. M. Soc., Mahoning, N. Lima, O.	
181.	P. Swami, Dw., Evangelist.....	Ladies' Aid, First Swedish, Duluth.	
182.	Sandi Samuel, Td., Teacher.....	B. B. Soc., Bethany, Duluth, Minn.	
183.	Pantagani Judah, Td., Teacher.....		
184.	Pattula Kantamma, Td., Teacher.....		
185.	Teli P. Krupadanam, Td., Teacher.....		
186.	Kandikatla Joshua, Bh., Evangelist.	W. M. S., Elfsborg, Boone, Ia.	
187.	Gollapalli Kantamma, Td., Teacher.	Mrs. Perry Nelson, Waverly, Minn.	
188.	Pantagani Gabriel, Td., Teacher....	Mrs. Lisa Hanson, Glendale, Cal.	
189.	Pitta Samson, Td., Teacher.....	Dorcas Soc., Salem, McIntosh, Minn.	
190.	Gangi Jacob, Td., Teacher.....	Mission Soc., Auburn, R. I.	
191.	Raya Ruth, Dw., Teacher.....	W. M. Soc., Alma, Neb.	
192.	Gollapalli Nathan, Td., Teacher....	Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Johnson, Albert City.	
193.	Chilli Mark, Kr., Teacher.....	S. S., Brockton, Mass.	
194.	Motukuri Mary, Kr., Teacher.....	Bethseda, Moorhead, Minn.	
195.	Kottagudla Cornelius, Kr., Teacher.....		
196.	Penumaka Peter, Ta., Evangelist..	W. Materson, New Gottland, Kans.	
197.	Manukondo Sadhuru, Bh., Teacher.	S. S., Redeemer, Milwaukee.	
198.	Lankapalli Benjamin, Bh., Teacher.	Mission Soc., Redeemer, Milwaukee.	
199.	Veerali Abel, Dw., Teacher.....	Y. L. Soc., Red River, Miss.	
200.	Penumaka Jeevaratnam, Ta., Tch..	S. S. Classes, Advent, New York.	
201.	Paduri Prakasem, Dw., Teacher....	H. S. Bissey, Perkasio, Pa.	
202.	Kandivalli Juliamma, Sk., Teacher.....		
203.	Dayam Lazarus, Td., Teacher.....		
204.	Natanapati Manikiamma, Sk., Tch..	Nels Magnusson, Salemsburg, Kans.	
205.	Razala Moses, Td., Teacher.....	Mission Soc., St. John's, Albany, N. Y.	
206.	Natanapati Johan, Sk., Teacher....	S. S., Luther Mem., Madison, Wis.	
207.	Natanapati Shantamma, Sk., Tch...	Misses Lindh, Emmanuel, Minneapolis.	
208.	Natanapati Sariya, Sk., Teacher....	Minnie Borg, Emmanuel, Minneapolis.	
209.	Jerti Sichamani, Sk., Teacher.....	Ladies' Soc., Hamilton, Ont.	
210.	Gangi David, Td., Teacher.....		
211.	Chikkili Joseph, Bh., Evangelist....	Elof Johnson, Bridgeport, Conn.	
212.	Nambattula Satyavati, Kr., Teacher.....		
213.	Palaparti Nathaniel, Bh., Evang....	Mrs. Ida Strom, Clifton, Kan.	
214.	Sodadasi Daniel, Bh., Teacher.....	L. L., Grace, Toledo, O.	
215.	Pidakala Jeevaratnam, Bh., Tch.....		
216.	Talluri Jesudas, Dw., Teacher.....	W. S. Wise, Meadville, Pa.	
217.	Garrikamukkala Jacob, Dw., Tch...	Kansas Conference.	
218.	Dasari Judah, Bh., Teacher.....	Illinois Conference.	
219.	Bhuparti Matthew, Bh., Teacher...	Minnesota Conference.	
220.	Gandi Sadhuvu, Ta., Evangelist....	Martha Society, Essex, Ia.	
221.	Dylapalli C. Bramiah, Ta., Evang...	S. S., First Swedish, Moline, Ill.	
222.	Beera Tatayya, Dw., Evangelist....	Rev. P. Kummer, Scranton, Pa.	
223.	Vemuluri Joseph, Dw., Teacher....	Harpster Mem. Soc., St. Matthew's, To- ledo.	
224.	K. Mary, Rj., Bible-Woman.....	W. M. Soc., Nova Scotia Synod.	
225.	Dolla Samuel, Dw., Teacher.....	J. A. Copeland, Jewett, O.	
226.	Namburi Amruddhamma, Td., Tch..	Atonement, Asbury Park, N. J.	
227.	M. Karunamma, Rj., Bible-Woman.	Mrs. P. Kummer, Scranton, Pa.	
228.	B. Martha, Dw., Bible-Woman.....	Rev. and Mrs. J. Stempfer, Elmira, Ont.	
229.	Gummapu Solomon, Bh., Teacher..	A. F. Egner, Newark, N. J.	
230.	Beetala Benjamin, Bh., Teacher....	Two Friends, Wheeling, W. Va.	
231.	Polimarti Cornelius, Kr., Teacher..	Girls' F. M. Soc., Stanton, Ia.	
232.	Polimarti Mary, Kr., Teacher.....	Girls' F. M. Soc., Stanton, Ia.	

REMARKS ON THE STATISTICS FOR 1916

1. Membership of 1914 was taken from the official publication.
2. Membership for 1915 was largely collected anew, only, in cases where new missionaries in charge were unable to furnish items, Mr. Eckardt's rough copy was used.
3. Membership for 1916 is collected in most cases by taking an entirely new census in every village. This gives a more correct result than merely taking balance of "Gain" and "Loss" and adding to previous year's total, but cannot be made to agree exactly, as individuals, particularly in moving from district to district, cannot always be ascertained accurately.
4. Additions by baptisms are taken from district baptismal registers and should be correct. Under "otherwise" a small uncertainty occurs in cases of marriages, where one person might marry into another district or mission.
5. Under losses there appears quite a large number in the St. Paul's Church. This is not an actual loss; but it had been decided no longer to count the boarding pupils nor teachers and families temporarily in Rajahmundry for training, Bible class or special work. All these should be counted under the heads of districts from which they come. This may not have been done always, or they had already formerly been counted under their districts, hence twice in former reports.
6. "Communicants." All entitled to communion are counted irrespective of the fact whether or no they have actually communed during the past year. Usually newly baptized adults are not admitted to communion until after some years of probation.
7. "Sunday-schools." Under this item 9 schools appear for St. Paul's. There is really only one school there, but there are 8 town schools under the management of the missionary for St. Paul's, and there is no other rubric under which to count them. The medical, zenana, and Hindu Girls' Schools' managers also have a number of town schools, which are reported under their work.
8. "Number of villages having Christians and inquirers." I am not sure whether villages having Christian congregations should be counted here or not. So far they have been, wherefore all Christian congregations are included under Christian villages.
9. "Christian congregations." We have defined as a community of Christians having a school and at least a teacher who conducts services regularly, although there is no evangelist or catechist present. But wherever there are a number of Christians without regular ministrations such places have been counted as villages having Christians.
10. Inquirers. This is rather an uncertain item, inasmuch as the number of people declaring their willingness to hear about Christianity fluctuates. Sometimes many are willing for a while and then suddenly withdraw.

11. Under "Schools" St. Paul's 9 schools refer to one school connected with the church and 8 newly-established schools for Hindu boys throughout the town. I added a new item to the Peddapur High School. A number of smaller schools were added in that town containing primary or elementary departments for future pupils of the high school. They are under the management of Mr. Sipes. There should also be a special rubric for the two Bible classes in Rajahmundry. Hitherto they were counted as boarding pupils in Luthergeri, under "Boys' Central School."

12. Under "Foreign Workers" I have counted Messrs. Kuder, Eckardt and Arps under the heads of departments to which they belonged, though they left; but they did not sever their connection with the Mission before the end of the year. The terms catechist and evangelist are not clearly distinguished. This accounts for some districts having only the one kind or the other.

13. "Churches." Only such buildings are counted as are used for congregational purposes only. No distinction is made under School and Prayer Houses, whether a building is used for school purposes only or also for public worship. Under teachers' houses only such houses are counted as are separate buildings, but not those which form part of the school house. In most cases the teacher lives in the school house or rather under the same roof.

14. "Hospitals and Hostels." This item in my opinion should be divided. I cannot see why buildings so different in character as hospitals and hostels should be considered under one item.

15. For the sake of comparison I added under "Contributions" the total also for two years. Bhimawaram has as yet received no grant, hence no report. On the whole I think the grouping should be slightly different. Rangoon work should come after Tallapudi and all schools before other work like zenana and medical.

KARL L. WOLTERS, *Statistician.*

Bhimawaram, 21-4-17.

**PART VII. STATISTICS OF THE AMERICAN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN MISSION, RAJAHMUNDRY, INDIA, FOR
THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1916**

Compiled at Bhimawaram, April 21, 1917, by Rev. Karl L. Wolters

DISTRICT OR DEPARTMENT	Membership																	
	Membership at end of 1914				Membership at end of 1915				Membership at end of 1916				Additions in 1916					
													By Baptism					
	Men	Women	Children	Total	Men	Women	Children	Total	Men	Women	Children	Total	Men	Women	Children	Otherwise		
1 St. Paul's, Rajahmundry.....	163	168	670	1001	175	177	719	1071	116	151	440	707	14	9	33	56	8	64
2 Bhimawaram District.....	3263	3337	5959	12559	3323	3263	6344	12930	3341	3290	6411	13042	28	37	109	174	..	174
3 Dowlaiswaram District.....	1219	897	781	2897	1239	912	795	2946	1319	997	958	3274	95	96	179	370	12	382
4 Jaggampet District.....	275	235	214	724	274	236	215	725	256	173	264	693	6	9	15	30	7	37
5 Korukonda District.....	228	165	234	627	256	173	264	693	266	174	275	715	12	4	12	28	..	28
6 Samulkot District.....	713	457	601	1771	777	497	726	2000	740	478	665	1883	48	24	61	133	2	135
7 Tadepalligudem District.....	522	577	619	1718	612	616	782	2010	672	678	861	2211	71	90	158	319	27	346
8 Tallapudi District.....	626	592	801	2019	621	593	797	2011	653	623	883	2159	39	33	96	168	..	168
9 Boys' Central School.....																		
10 Girls' Central School.....																		
11 Hindu Girls' School.....																		
12 Medical Work.....																		
13 Zenana Work.....																		
14 Peddapur High School.....																		
15 Bhimawaram High School.....																		
16 Training School for Masters.....																		
17 Rangoon Work.....	297	3	4	304	313	3	4	320	353	6	6	363	40	2	8	50	..	105
18 Theological Class.....																	55	
Totals.....	7306	6431	9883	23620	7590	6470	10646	24706	7714	6570	10763	25047	353	304	671	1328	111	1439

PART VII. STATISTICS FOR 1916 (Continued).

DISTRICT OR DEPARTMENT	Workers										Buildings				Benevolence 1916		Other Cash Receipts		Total for 1916		Total for two years	
	Foreign					Indian					Bungalows	Churches	Prayer and School Houses	Teachers' Houses Separate	Hospitals and Hostels	Rs.-As.-Ps.	Rs.-As.-Ps.	Rs.-As.-Ps.	Rs.-As.-Ps.	Rs.-As.-Ps.		
	Men	Wm'n	Increase			Pastors	Catechists	Evangelists	Teachers	Bible-women											Total Indian Force	
			Ordained	Unordained	Mission'y Ladies																	
																						Miss. Wives
	Ordn'd	Unord'd	M. L.	P.	C.	E.	T.	B.	T. I.	F.												
1 St. Paul's Rajahmundry.	2	..	2	1	1	1	10	7	19	5	1	1	1	1	1831-3-9	..	..	1831-3-9	3112-0-3			
2 Bhimawaram District.	1	..	..	..	..	12	1	97	10	120	-32	1	1	1	3009-0-0	6100-0-0	9109-0-0	17759-0-0	0-4			
3 Dowlaiswaram District.	2	..	2	..	..	..	21	55	1	77	9	1	1	1	678-0-8	2404-15-9	3083-0-5	5516-0-4	0-4			
4 Jaggampet District.	2	..	1	..	..	..	6	20	1	28	1	..	..	..	208-12-10	728-0-0	936-12-10	1626-11-1	1-1			
5 Korukonda District.	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	3	22	..	26	1	..	..	134-10-9	904-8-9	1039-3-6	1881-12-3	0-0			
6 Samulkot District.	1	..	1	..	..	..	6	32	7	43	-5	1	1	1	508-13-6	1095-11-3	1604-8-9	2700-4-0	0-2			
7 Tadepalligudem District.	1	..	1	..	..	1	8	40	5	48	2	1	1	1	505-5-11	1631-0-0	2136-5-11	4808-9-2	0-11			
8 Tallapudi District.	..	..	..	..	..	..	14	48	..	69	-1	1	1	1	523-9-3	1837-8-0	2361-1-3	4709-9-11	0-8			
9 Boys' Central School.	2	..	4	..	..	..	..	9	..	11	..	..	..	..	77-0-0	2355-12-3	2432-12-3	3367-11-8	0-0			
10 Girls' Central School.	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	23	..	23	..	..	..	..	46-0-0	1544-9-0	1590-9-0	3125-5-0	0-0			
11 Hindu Girls' School.	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	1	13	13	2	..	..	..	9587-9-0	9637-9-0	15641-10-0	0-0			
12 Medical Work.	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	13	32	-5	1	..	..	..	15776-11-0	15776-11-0	31683-1-8	0-8			
13 Zenana Work.	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	32	..	32	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		
14a Peddapur High School.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	4	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		
14b Peddapur High School.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	19	..	19	19	..	..	..	..	7433-2-2	7433-2-2	12524-10-2	0-0			
15 Bhimawaram High School.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	11	..	11	-1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		
16 Training School for Masters.	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	4	..	..	..	10-5-0	..	..	10-5-0	10-5-0	0-0		
17 Rangoon Work.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		
18 Theological Class.	12	11	13	10	2	24	59	433	45	563	19	13	11	245	52	7582-13-8	52527-7-2	60110-4-10	110671-10-6	0-6		
Totals.	12	11	13	10	2	24	59	433	45	563	19	13	11	245	52	7582-13-8	52527-7-2	60110-4-10	110671-10-6	0-6		

PART VIII.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Board of Foreign Missions, as instructed by the General Council, recommends that the following items be considered and adopted as the resolutions of the General Council:

1. *Concerning God's Guidance and Blessing.*—*Resolved*, That the report of the Board of Foreign Missions be received and entered on the minutes with our expression of deep gratitude to God, our Father, through our Lord, Jesus Christ, for having so manifestly guided and so signally blessed our foreign missionaries in India and Japan in the conduct of their lives and work, and for having so evidently directed the Board in the administration of the affairs of our foreign missions during these past two years of world warfare.
2. *Concerning the Continuation and Development of Our Missions.*—*Resolved*, That we will pray the Heavenly Father to keep the door open for us to continue our foreign mission work in India and Japan, and that we pledge our best efforts, despite war-time conditions, to keep up and develop our India and Japan missions.
3. *Concerning the Agreement with the Breklum Missionary Society.*—*Resolved*, That we accept the Agreement proposed by the Breklum Missionary Society, and instruct the Board of Foreign Missions to conduct the work in this former German Lutheran mission in India according to the terms of the agreement.
4. *Concerning the Church of Sweden Mission in India.*—*Resolved*, That we rejoice in the opportunity to serve the Missionary Society of the Church of Sweden in its mission in India and direct the Board of Foreign Missions to continue to aid this society in its efforts to preserve the work of the former Leipsic Lutheran Mission.
5. *Concerning the Japan Mission.*—*Resolved*, That the Constitution of the Mission in Japan and the revised schedule of salaries and allowances for missionaries in Japan be approved and adopted.
6. *Concerning Co-operation in the Medical College for Women and the Tuberculosis Sanatorium.*—*Resolved*, That we authorize the Board of Foreign Missions to co-operate in the Medical College for Women at Vellore, and in the Union Mission Tuberculosis Sanatorium at Madanapalle, South India, and encourage the Women's Missionary Society to provide the necessary funds by a special effort.
7. *Concerning the Women's Missionary Society.*—*Resolved*, That we express our appreciation to the Women's Missionary Society for having so earnestly and consistently fostered and developed the foreign mission interests in our congregations, especially in the direction of women's work for women in India.
8. *Concerning the Ordination of Native Pastors.*—*Resolved*, That in the matter of the ordination of native pastors in our missions in India

and Japan the Board of Foreign Missions be and is hereby authorized to proceed along the lines laid down in the section of this report dealing with that matter.

Respectfully submitted,

L. G. ABRAHAMSON, *President*.

GEORGE DRACH, *Secretary*.

The report with its several Recommendations were adopted as a whole, Nos. 1 and 2 by a rising vote.

Touching the Constitution of the Mission in Japan, it was *Resolved*, That the Constitution of the Japan Mission be referred to the Committee on Charters.

See action in the Monday Evening Session.

Resolved, That permission be granted to insert in the Foreign Mission Report missionaries' letters delayed on account of the war.

The report was then adopted as a whole, with the understanding that certain statements in the body of the report are suggestions merely.

The Rev. J. A. Parkin, D.D., agent of the American Bible Society, addressed the Council on the work of his Society.

Dr. Samuel P. Sadtler, President of the Board, presented the

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF PUBLICATION

Your Board of Publication would respectfully report that after receiving proper certification of the election of the new members of the Board, a reorganization was duly effected by the election of the following officers:

President, Prof. Samuel P. Sadtler, Ph.D., LL.D.

Secretary, Rev. Samuel A. Ziegenfuss, D.D.

Treasurer, G. E. Schlegelmilch, Esq.

Executive Committee, Dr. Sadtler, Dr. Ziegenfuss, G. E. Schlegelmilch, Esq., E. Clarence Miller and Charles B. Opp.

Finance Committee, Dr. Sadtler, J. N. Mohr and James G. Finley.

It is with sincere regret that we must report at this time the loss by death of a valuable and faithful member of the Board during the biennium. The Rev. S. A. Ziegenfuss, D.D., on June 21, 1916, while seeking health at Ocean City, N. J., entered into life. The interests of our Publication work, among the things on his mind in his last conscious moments, were always of vital importance to him. For twenty-four years a member of the Board, and its secretary for fifteen years, during all this long period he had unselfishly rendered interested and most valuable service,

giving time, thought and diligence to the Publication work. The opinion of Dr. Ziegenfuss was always worthy of every consideration; his counsel and his sturdy defence of every interest of our Publication work are greatly missed. We pay tribute to his memory.

The vacancy in the Board was filled by the election of the Rev. N. R. Melhorn, D.D., of Reading, Pa., as his successor, both as a member of the Board and as its Secretary.

During the biennium, our properties at 1522 and 1524 Arch Street which had been condemned in 1906 to provide for the Philadelphia Parkway were taken over by the city and razed.

Due to the outbreak of the World War the plans for a new building on the site which the Board had acquired on the line of the Parkway at 17th Street on the advice of the contractors have not been carried out, otherwise we would have had a fine Lutheran Headquarters erected and ready to occupy and would have been able to have acted as hosts in our building to this meeting of the General Council.

TEMPORARY LOCATION

As it is we have temporarily located our business in convenient, even if somewhat inadequate quarters at 1716 Arch Street, and are holding our new property which is daily increasing in value. As the new Parkway is developed and when the new Pennsylvania Terminal on the Parkway is erected and reaches within a stone's throw of our site the wisdom and beauty of our location will become evident to every one. It is our desire to erect or have erected a Publication Building which will be a landmark, a credit to our church and a true "Church House" in which all our Lutheran interests may find a home and a national headquarters.

The removal from 1522 to 1716 Arch Street came at the very busiest season in the year. It was a big problem and a difficult task, accomplished only through the very willing and energetic faithfulness of the entire force of employes who are to be especially commended for the unselfish manner in which without exception they are devoting themselves to the interests of our publication work.

Our very capable Manager, Mr. Charles B. Opp, since March, 1916, has been in poor health and therefore unable to give his personal attention to the conduct of our Publication work. His condition being such as to discourage the hope of his recovering his health to such an extent as to be able again to manage the business, on August 1, 1917 he retired, the Board voting him a pension in recognition of its obligations to him as the man who had developed our Publication work from its small beginnings to a point where it is recognized as one of the leading Lutheran Publication Houses in the country,—an institution which in the variety and quality of the literature it produces is the equal of any in the country. Much of this success is due to the thorough knowledge, superior taste and unusual patience, diligence and painstaking care with which every detail of the Publication work was conducted. The whole Church

owes a debt of gratitude to Mr. Opp, whose name will live in the Church through the work he has done during these many years in which he has so diligently served as the manager of the publication of our church literature.

The Rev. W. L. Hunton, Ph.D., who has for the past twelve years been serving the Board in a dual capacity as Literature Secretary and in editorial work on various publications, after careful consideration of the duties involved and the qualifications needed in the person to assume the duties of Manager, was selected to fill the vacancy caused by the retirement of Mr. Opp. It is understood by the Board that Dr. Hunton is to retain his editorial duties, his endeavor being to readjust and distribute work in such a way as to make it possible for him to carry the additional responsibilities and keep a general supervision of the varied interests which are committed to his care. Dr. Hunton assumed charge as Manager, August 1st.

The Board has been greatly handicapped in its service of the Church during the past biennium through its inability to keep its promises relative to the issuance of publications. In some instances general commercial conditions have made it impossible to get material as in normal times and prevented the best intentions and nullified our best efforts. In other cases committees having charge of preparing copy for books have failed to give their material into our hands and thus make it possible for us to publish and distribute as we had promised. Thus the Works of Luther, for which we received the first manuscript August 1, 1912, and which we had hoped to feature throughout the great year of Jubilee, have been at a standstill, and we can report only one of the ten volumes completed during the biennium. In spite of the loss in the money which is tied up and the decrease in possible sales, we have been able to hold our business contracts and depending upon the present assurances of the committee in charge we believe this colossal undertaking will be rapidly advanced to completed issuance.

In the case of the new "Common Service Book with Hymnal," the editorial committee in charge deemed it safe to announce a date of issue, thereby arousing an expectancy which greatly lessened the normal demand for the present Church Book, a publication which has been one of our main sources of revenue in the past. This greatly affected the income of the Publication House. The failure to release the plates of this work for many months has greatly complicated the already difficult problems of management.

We respectfully suggest to the General Council that Committees upon whose work the issuance of publications depends should bear in mind the business situation related to their work, and that where announcement of a date of completion is made, they should see to it that their promises are fulfilled.

The Lutheran.—During the past biennium The Lutheran has completed its twentieth year as the official English weekly church paper of the Gen-

eral Council. This fact was emphasized as the occasion for an effort to bring the need of an official church paper more emphatically to the attention of our pastors and people.

Practically simultaneously with this anniversary the Quadri-Centennial of the Reformation was made the occasion on the part of the entire church for a campaign for the increased circulation of all church papers, the slogan "A Lutheran Church Paper in Every Lutheran Home for 1917" having been adopted. While this very desirable aim has not been attained, there has been such an increase in the circulation of *The Lutheran* as to justify the effort. It is to be regretted that at the same time we have thus increased the circulation somewhat, the unusual conditions in the whole work of publication due to the war affecting such a marked increase in the cost of production as to place *The Lutheran* in a worse financial condition than it was in before it had its present circulation.

There is no more valuable means for intelligent and effective church work than an informed church—informed through its own church papers. To increase the circulation of *The Lutheran*, therefore, will be the most effective means of furthering all forms of our church work. In the interest, therefore, of the Church and not merely from a selfish point of view to strengthen the finances of our Church papers we would urge upon the General Council the importance of devising ways and means of making effective the slogan "A Lutheran Church Paper in Every Lutheran Home."

Der Deutsche Lutheraner, our official German organ, naturally through war conditions has suffered in circulation. The tendency today is to discontinue German publications and to take English periodicals in their place. Shortly after the war began *Der Deutsche Lutheraner* because of certain material which had appeared in it was no longer permitted to go to our Canadian subscribers. At the present time *Der Deutsche Lutheraner* seems to be holding its own among our German people. The necessity for such a paper is evident and conditions cannot so change as not to make its continued publication most desirable. The system in force for the circulation of our English periodicals is available also for the German publications, and with the co-operation of our German pastors and congregations there is a possible field for a largely increased circulation. The slogan "A Lutheran Church Paper in Every Lutheran Home for 1917" applies to German homes as well as English homes.

Our Missionary Papers.—During the past biennium *The Foreign Missionary* as well as *Der Missionsbote* have been issued regularly under the auspices of our Board of Publication. Neither of these publications is self-supporting. The sharp advance in the cost of production has materially increased the monthly deficit with the result that the Mission Board is at this time seeking ways and means of reducing the cost. It is a question whether it is wise to publish periodicals of this character at a price which necessarily is lower than actual cost, making an increase in circulation necessarily the cause of added expense to the Boards. The

value of such a medium, however, for presenting the cause must be taken into consideration. We are of the opinion that the whole question of Missionary Papers needs to be given a more thorough investigation and that the publication of such papers should be put upon a different basis.

The Home Missionary, also issued regularly by the Board of Publication for the English Home Mission Board is in a similar situation. The circulation of all these periodicals has about held its own, but has shown no increase.

THE NEW PUBLICATIONS

In spite of the unusual cost for production of literature and the upward trend in the price of everything which goes into the making of books during the biennium every effort has been put forth to bring out new literature. Among the new books issued we note:

1. "*The Pastor's Guide*," a brief handbook on pastoral theology, by Rev. J. Fry, D.D., LL.D., L.H.D., professor of Practical Theology at the Philadelphia Theological Seminary. This is a student's handbook and a general aid for pastors.

2.—*Vol. II. of the "Luther Works"* appeared shortly after the last meeting of the General Council. We had expected to publish a volume every six months. In this we have been prevented through the failure to receive the copy from the translators and editors. Vol. III., however, is now well under way and will shortly leave the press. It is hoped that the remaining seven volumes will appear in rapid succession.

3. "*Leaders of the Lutheran Reformation*" is the title of a new book written by various authors as a series of articles in *The Lutheran*. The writers were well versed in their themes, and requests were received which warranted the publication of these articles in permanent form. The book is highly recommended and will prove very useful.

4. "*The Life of Rev. Adolph Spaeth, D.D., LL.D.*," written by Mrs. Spaeth and published for her is a biography that reads with the interest of fiction, presenting in the story of the life of this eminent pastor, professor and former President of the General Council much valuable data in the history of that period of the Church in which he figured so largely.

5. "*The Lutheran Church in the Country*" is the product of the pen of the Rev. Prof. G. H. Gerberding, D.D., LL.D., professor of Pastoral Theology in Chicago Seminary. The material was prepared originally as a special number of *The Lutheran Church Review*. Dr. Gerberding having specialized in this subject it was deemed of sufficient value to reset and reprint with additions and thus add to the volumes which have come from his pen.

6. "*The Way of Salvation in the Lutheran Church*," also by Dr. Gerberding, during the biennium was revised and has been brought out in a new edition for the author by our Publication Board. This book, which has circulated widely, is still in general demand and is one of the most popular Lutheran books in the English language.

7. "*Luther's Hymns*," written by Rev. James F. Lambert and published by the Publication Board for the author, in mechanical execution is one of the most beautiful books published by the Board. In the matter of its contents it is a most valuable contribution to the general subject of Luther literature as well as the literature pertaining to Lutheran worship.

BOOKS IN PRESS

"*The Common Service Book with Hymnal*." Among the new publications which are in press as our report is being prepared is "The Common Service Book with Hymnal." A large portion of the press work on the hymnal is completed. As the plates for the service portion have just been released, the book will soon be ready for the market. The Word Edition of the Common Service Book with Hymnal is also under way, the type being set simultaneously for the book in two sizes. We have carefully planned these editions so as to avoid the confusion which was experienced in the use of our Church Book due to the different paging. In other words the two editions of The Common Service Book will coincide exactly as to the material on the various pages. This will be a great convenience in use. The Publication Board has invested a large amount of its funds in this new book. We believe the investment is warranted and that the Church will for long reap the results of the labors of our liturgical scholars.

Resolved, That it is the unanimous judgment of the Board, formally expressed, that the edition of the new Common Service Book printed from the Board's own plates should carry the imprint of the Publication House as do all the publications in which the Board invests its funds and for which it assumes the responsibility of distribution.

"*The Army and Navy Service Book*," a short manual of service and a brief selection of hymns with music as requested by various Synods of the General Council and approved by the General Synod, is almost ready. The services are such an adaptation as to make them suitable for the conditions of worship under which men are in the army and navy. The hymns are also selected with special reference to their situation. The book is very timely and should be a permanent contribution to general literature for the use of men in the army and navy. It is expected that the book will be distributed widely through our own people to our Lutheran boys in service.

"*Luther's Works*," Vol. III, which should have appeared early in the biennium, is now in the printer's hands and barring unforeseen accidents there will not be any great delay in bringing out this volume. We are also informed by the Editors' Committee that the manuscript for Vol. IV will be ready at an early date. This standard set of volumes furnishing the selected works of Martin Luther is a permanent contribution to the literature of America. Through the publication of these books jointly by the A. J. Holman Company and the General Council Publication House, we still believe it will be possible to place them very generally in public libraries and in the libraries of America's scholars.

"The Speakers' Handbook" is the story of our Home Mission work told by the experts who are doing it. It is issued for the Home Mission Board and is expected to serve as a medium of information and inspiration to awaken a greater interest in this vital work for the future of our church, which interest is essential to progress.

"Favorite Hymns" is the title of a new volume by Rev. W. L. Hunton, Ph.D., which tells the story of the origin and use of about two hundred of the more popular and widely used hymns of the church. With very few exceptions these hymns are found in the Common Service Book with Hymnal. Written originally as a series of articles for publication in *"Young Folks"* and *"Lutheran Young People,"* the interest manifested in them and the desire being expressed for their appearance in permanent form, led the Board to decide that the publication of such a volume at this time would be helpful in educating our people to appreciate and use the hymns of our new Common Service Book, undertook to publish the volume. It will appear in a few weeks, being illustrated and published in a style that should make it popular and attractive.

PAMPHLETS

Quadri-centennial Calendar. During the biennium we issued a Souvenir Wall Calendar of the Quadri-centennial prepared by Rev. L. J. Bickel. It had historic illustrations and much valuable reading matter on the pages, and was designed as a souvenir for use during the Quadri-Centennial year.

"Services with Music from The Common Service Book," in its first setting in music as it will appear in the new Common Service Book was issued in pamphlet form in order to facilitate the learning of this service in anticipation of the use of The Common Service Book.

"Luther's Familienleben" is an interesting sketch of the family life of Luther by Rev. W. Jentsch, Ph.D. It originally appeared in the columns of *Der Deutsche Lutheraner* and was published in pamphlet form by the German Quadri-centennial Jubilee Committee.

"Das Wort Sie Sollen Lassen Stahn!" is the title of a festival Reformation Service prepared by Rev. G. C. F. Haas, D.D., a member of our Board of Publication and published for the use of our Sunday-schools during the Quadri-centennial year. While issued for this year, it is a standard order of service which will be of permanent value.

"Christmas in Scripture and Song" is the title of a special Christmas service which is arranged somewhat on the cantata order. It is now in press and will appear in ample time for use in the coming Christmas season. It has been prepared by Mrs. W. L. Hunton.

Including the new publications and the new editions of old publications the Board has issued in bound form during the biennium about 125,000 volumes. When we consider that the Sales Department has handled and distributed about as many volumes from other publishers we can readily appreciate the value of the work in book distribution alone which the Publication House is doing.

THE JOINT YEAR BOOK

The Lutheran Church Year Book has superseded our own *Lutheran Church Almanac*. The new Year Book is in accordance with previous action taken by the General Council and is issued jointly by the General Council, the General Synod, the Joint Synod of Ohio and the United Synod of the South. This joint enterprise which is now in its second year, has the great advantage of furnishing statistics which are more authoritative and more uniform than formerly. The edition for 1918, which is now in press, including our own and five other imprint editions, will have a circulation of approximately 40,000 copies.

Der Lutherische Kalender, our German annual, is published regularly as heretofore, but in improved form.

STEADY DEMAND FOR OUR PUBLICATIONS

There has been a growing and steady demand for our standard publications. During the biennium new editions of the following books have been published:

- Arndt's True Christianity, translated by Rev. Dr. C. F. Schaeffer.
- Beacon Lights, by Dr. Joseph A. Seiss.
- Church Song, the music book in use as companion to the Church Book.
- Gospel in the Stars, by Dr. Seiss.
- Holy Types, by Dr. Seiss.
- Lectures on the Gospels, by Dr. Seiss.
- Lectures on the Epistles, by Dr. Seiss.
- Miracle in Stone, by Dr. Seiss.
- Voices from Babylon, by Dr. Seiss.
- Church Book, large.
- Church Book, small.
- Church Book, small, Bible paper.
- Sunday School Book, words.
- Sunday School Book, music.
- Kirchenbuch, large.
- Kirchenbuch, medium.
- Sunday School Book, German, words.
- Book of Concord.
- Katharine von Bora, by Emma A. Endlich.
- Lutheran Movement in England, by Dr. H. E. Jacobs.
- Bible Story, Scholar's.
- Bible Story, Teacher's.
- Bible History, Scholar's.
- Bible Geography.
- Bible Facts and Scenes.
- Bible Biography.
- Bible Teachings.
- Bible Literature.
- Lutheran Lesson Commentary.
- Erstes Lesebuch.

Biblische Erzaehlungen.

Little Children's Book.

Beginner's Catechism.

Trabert's Catechism.

Mann and Krotel Catechism.

Stump's Catechism.

Way of the Cross, by Dr. C. Armand Miller.

Lutheran Landmarks and Pioneers in America, by Dr. W. J. Finck.

OUR LUTHERAN GRADED SERIES OF INSTRUCTION

The story of the growth of our Lutheran Graded Series, which has now been in use more than twenty-one years, was interestingly summarized in the Report of the Board to the General Council two years ago. This literature during all these years has been increasing in its use and influence both within and without the church, until today it is being referred to very generally in Sunday-school circles, being generously commended by religious educators.

At the present time there is a Joint Committee representing the General Council, the General Synod, the United Synod South and the Joint Synod of Ohio, which has been working for several years with a view to developing a common Lutheran Graded Sunday School Series. Much preliminary work has been done and, as we are informed, an agreement has been entered into by these committees to make our Graded Series the basis for such common literature.

Few of our people realize the amount of work required in the production of this literature. It will be briefly indicated and perhaps appreciated by the following figures: During the biennium in quarterly and magazine form the literature issued for our Sunday-schools totalled about 12,118,856 pieces; adding to this 18,000 bound volumes, we have a total of 12,136,856 pieces for the biennium. When we consider that some of the publications require in the process of manufacture, sale and distribution as much as ten handlings we shall begin to appreciate the amount of work necessary in our Publication House to provide the literature for our church.

AN INTERESTING SUMMARY

The various periodicals which are published by the Publication House exclusive of the Sunday-school literature circulate in round numbers 2,500,000 copies. Adding the bound volumes which we issued during the biennium and the reprints, together with the circulation of the various Sunday-school publications, we have a grand total of no less than 14,654,856 pieces of literature distributed during the biennium. If we compare these figures with the financial reports, a little thought on the part of anyone who wishes to investigate the question will convince him that this is a remarkable volume of business done at a minimum cost, and with a margin of profit which is far below that which commercial houses expect to make. It should be full proof to our people that the Board of Publication is doing its work for the good of the church and for the education of our people, and not for the purpose of revenue.

THE PROPOSED MERGING OF PUBLICATION BOARD

In view of the movement for a United Lutheran Church, at the request of the Committees, a plan for merging our General Council Board of Publication with other Boards in case the plan to merge the bodies is adopted was considered at a meeting held jointly with the representatives of the interested Boards, and the following plan was recommended for adoption:

"This Corporation shall be called The Board of Publication of the United Lutheran Church of America and shall be incorporated under the laws of Pennsylvania.

Board of Directors

It shall consist of twenty-four members (nine of whom shall constitute an Executive Committee, the President, Vice-President, and Treasurer shall be members of the Executive Committee), in the proportion of ten from the General Council, ten from the General Synod and four from the United Synod of the South. If the Augustana Synod joins in the incorporation, it shall be entitled to six additional representatives, making the Board consist of thirty members.

Elections

The membership of the first Board shall be chosen by the existing Boards of the three General Bodies merging; that is, The General Council Publication Board shall elect ten; the Lutheran Publication Society shall elect ten; the Board of the United Synod South shall elect four. If the Augustana Synod enters, it shall be entitled to six.

The term of office shall be six years, but at the first election the General Council shall assign three for two years, four for four years and three for six years.

The General Synod shall arrange its membership into three groups holding office three for two years, three for four years, and four for six years, respectively.

The United Synod South shall elect two for two years, one for four years and one for six years.

At the expiration of the terms of office of these members, their successors shall be elected by the United Lutheran Church of America in convention assembled, but the Board shall be privileged to make nominations.

Vacancies occurring in the interim between sessions shall be filled by the Board, members so elected completing the term of office they have been selected to fill.

Preliminary to Permanent Organization

After the merger of the General Bodies has been consummated, and an organization has been affected, the President of the United Lutheran Church of America shall notify the several Boards of Publication, who shall at once meet and transact the following business:

A. They shall elect the representation for the General Board as prescribed in article 'Election.'

B. An appraisal shall be made of all property; real estate, equipment and other assets; also an invoice of stock, accounts payable, and liabilities. For this appraisal, all parties to the merger shall be represented, and a method of adjusting disagreements as to valuation shall be arranged.

Organization of the General Board

Immediately after the election by the several constituent Boards, the members of the Publication Board of the United Lutheran Church of America shall obtain a charter, and formulate By-Laws, wherein its purposes and rules of operation shall be set forth. Said purposes shall be similar to those stated by the charters of the present constituent Boards, but the By-Laws may be affected by the larger scope of business and representation resulting from the merger of the General Bodies.

Contracts Now Existing

All assets, including contracts with authors and publishers, involving royalties and copyrights now owned by the several Boards, shall be conveyed to the General Board as soon as possible after its incorporation.

Employees

Favorable consideration is to be given by the General Board to salaried and other employees of the Constituent Boards."

MAINTAINING THE CHURCH PUBLICATION HOUSE

The problem of maintaining a church publication house at the present time is a difficult one. Prices of all raw materials and of all forms of labor which go into the work of publishing literature have been increased by leaps and bounds during the past two years. It is costing, for example, almost \$100 a week more for paper alone in publishing *The Lutheran* and in publishing *Young Folks* than it did a year ago. We cite these figures as an illustration of what is the general situation. The Publication Board has no invested funds; it receives no subsidies or donations from the churches or the synods. It depends upon its current revenues to meet its current expenses. It will readily be seen, therefore, from a business point of view, that it was imperative to increase the retail price of many publications. In no case has the increase in price exceeded the increase in cost. The advances that have been advertised have been absolutely necessary. We are glad to note that there has been little complaint. Our people are paying more for bread, meat and for everything which goes into their secular living. They realize that they also must under existing conditions pay more for their church literature and supplies.

In the matter of maintaining a Publication House we would call attention to the fact that in various denominations people have left liberal bequests which have created large endowments. In some instances there

are regular offerings taken in the churches which are used as funds for the publication of literature. In our own case thus far we have received no bequests and no contributions, with the single exception of a small donation from one mission church. That which has been gathered as a capital, which has reached most creditable proportions, has been entirely the fruitage and endeavor of the Board to add strength to its work that it may be the more effective in the production of the literature which the Church absolutely requires for the intelligent and effective conduct of its various operations.

We would call attention, therefore, at this time to an additional source of revenue for the Publication House which can often to the advantage of our churches and people and certainly not to their disadvantage, be brought to the aid of the Board of Publication through the more general use of the Publication House as the Church's Mail Order Headquarters. By this we mean that our Publication House should be made the medium through which books and literature of all kinds might be secured by our pastors and people. The Publication House has connections and is able to provide practically anything which is needed in the way of literature, books, and church supplies at prices as low as publishers and manufacturers themselves. The profit from the needs of the people would thus accrue to the church's own work instead of being added to the income of secular and miscellaneous Publication Houses without church connection and general business places. This in turn would give to the Board of Publication an increased income out of which it could produce the literature which is desired and required.

Subjects connected with important events in the life of the church at times require treatment, and books of ultimate historical or documentary value are needed, yet the limited demand for the same is such as to insure that their publication would compel us to depend on some fund in reserve to assist in producing them. The difficulty of financing such publications with the limited income at the disposal of the Publication Board has on various occasions made the Board unable to carry out its own desires. Several such volumes have already been produced and the needs of the church will in the future call for still other books of similar character, the value of which is unquestioned. If liberal-minded men and women in the church who have at their disposal large means would take this matter into consideration and establish funds, the income from which could be used in the production of works of merit but of limited circulation, an important phase of the publication work of the Church would be better cared for than it is. Similar funds have been established in other churches. Books which have proven unusually valuable have been the result.

It is essential to a prosperous and growing church that there should be a continuous increase in its permanent literature. To this end it is the earnest desire of the Board of Publication to undertake the production of all the new books and literature it possibly can. It has not been found feasible to publish nearly all the books which seem to be desirable simply

because of a lack of funds. There are often books which should appear, but which on account of their scholarly character and distinctive purposes would require large investment and which would not bring returns in rapid sales. It is only by providing funds through other sources that such books can be produced. We emphasize this fact to make clear the interest and desire of the Board of Publication that we may be assured the greater patronage to which we have just called attention in order that our aims may be possible of realization.

SAMUEL P. SADTLER, *President*.

NATHAN R. MELHORN, *Secretary*.

TREASURER'S REPORT

For the Biennium July 1, 1915, to June 30, 1917

Receipts

Cash Balance, June 30, 1915	\$	17,100	85
Cash from sales of			
English Publications	\$	36,121	48
German Publications		12,317	83
Sunday-school Literature		109,373	43
The Lutheran		41,544	86
The Lutheran Messenger		1,672	66
Der Deutsche Lutheraner		10,222	67
The Lutheran Church Review		2,418	66
The Foreign Missionary		4,165	66
The Home Missionary		1,547	74
Der Missionsbote		3,472	79
Der Missionsbote Contributions		412	70
Miscellaneous		43,574	36
Rent		6,765	90
			273,610 74
Interest on Bank Balances			434 42
Total	\$	291,146	01

Disbursements

Paper	\$	29,870	32
Printing		98,755	76
Binding		16,400	24
Plates and Cuts		5,325	55
Merchandise		38,214	94
Postage and Express—			
General		6,581	65
Sunday-school Literature		5,714	72
The Lutheran		3,408	50
The Lutheran Messenger		159	03
The Foreign Missionary		362	50
The Home Missionary		185	15
The Lutheran Church Review		138	11

Der Deutsche Lutheraner	\$	875 61	
Der Missionsbote		288 10	
Expenses in issuing Sunday-school Literature, including Young Folks, Jugendfreund, etc. ..		7,964 79	
Editorial—			
The Lutheran		6,187 50	
The Lutheran Messenger		300 00	
Der Deutsche Lutheraner		1,550 00	
General		552 06	
Church Book Committee		1,018 33	
Royalty		407 94	
Salaries		32,085 00	
Stationery and Printing		4,224 91	
Advertising		140 14	
Telephone Service		292 66	
Electric Lighting, including installment		459 28	
Gas		54 20	
Coal		167 00	
Furniture		237 50	
Insurance		899 49	
Repairs		309 42	
Interest		8,100 00	
Water Rent		157 62	
Taxes		3,188 94	
Rent		1,125 00	
Moving Expenses		267 79	
Accountant		100 00	
Wrapping Paper, etc.		1,174 82	
Miscellaneous		451 30	
			<u>277,695 87</u>
Leaving a balance of	\$	13,450 14	
The Resources of the Board consist of the following items:			
Real Estate, Furniture and Office Equipment	\$	62,104 65	
Real Estate, 17th Street Property, actual cost		103,330 93	
Inventory		29,070 30	
Electro Plates		14,232 17	
Accounts Receivable		41,751 43	
Cash in Bank		13,450 14	
			<u>\$ 263,939 62</u>
The Liabilities are as follows:			
Mortgage Loan—			
Arch Street Properties	\$	30,000 00	
Seventeenth Street Properties		50,000 00	
Accounts Payable		13,919 36	
			<u>93,919 36</u>
			<u>\$ 170,020 26</u>

July 19, 1917.

G. E. SCHLEGELMILCH, *Treasurer.*

October 2, 1917.

The Board of Publication of the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America, 1716 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

GENTLEMEN :—Complying with instructions, I have audited the accounts of your Treasurer, Mr. G. E. Schlegelmilch, for the period beginning July 1, 1915, and ending June 30, 1917, and hereby report that the cash receipts as shown by the Cash Book are properly accounted for and that the Cash Balance on hand, \$13,450.14, at the latter date, agrees with the published report of your Treasurer, from which the following condensed summary is presented in Exhibit attached.

CONDENSED SUMMARY CASH ACCOUNT OF THE TREASURER

For the Period Beginning July 1, 1915, and Ending June 30, 1917

1915	<i>Receipts</i>	
July 1.	To Balance	\$ 17,100 85
1917		
June 30.	To Sales—English and German Publications and Sunday-school Literature	\$ 157,812 74
	The Lutheran and other authorized publications...	65,045 04
	Der Missionsbote Contributions	412 70
	Miscellaneous Sales	43,574 36
	Rent	6,765 90
	Interest on Deposits.....	434 42
	Total Receipts	274,045 16
1917	<i>Disbursements</i>	\$ 291,146 01
June 30.	By Paper, Printing, Binding, Plates and Cuts	\$ 150,351 87
	Merchandise	38,214 94
	Postage and Express	17,713 37
	Sunday-school Work Committee	7,964 79
	Editorial	9,607 89
	Royalty	407 94
	Salaries	32,085 00
	Sundry Trading, Administration and Management Expenses	10,061 13
	Taxes	3,188 94
	Interest	8,100 00
	Total Disbursements	277,695 87
June 30.	By Balance	\$ 13,450 14

Respectfully submitted, ROBT. A. WRIGHT,
Public Accountant and Auditor.

The report was adopted as a whole.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. H. W. Roth, it was

Resolved, That the General Council rejoices in the efficient services which Mr. Charles B. Opp has so long rendered to the Church, and that it sincerely sympathizes with him in his illness, and prays God's blessing to richly attend him as he journeys along the sunset slope of life.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Kretschmann, it was

Resolved, That the General Council expresses its great gratification over the work accomplished by the Board of Publication in the publication of so many volumes, and especially in the completion of that magnificent book "The Common Service."

The first copy from the press of the "Common Service Book with Hymnal" was exhibited to the Convention by the Rev. Dr. Hunton, Manager of the Publication House.

Reports on Parts I and II of the President's Report were acted on. See the First Session.

The Rev. Dr. Kunzmann presented the

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ENGLISH HOME MISSIONS

DEAR BRETHREN:—We present for your careful and serious consideration this our biennial report, which, if the contemplated organization of the United Lutheran Church of America shall be consummated before the close of the year 1918, will be our last biennial report to this body. At the meeting of the Quadri-Centennial Committee, held in Philadelphia on the 18th of April, 1917, your Board, along with that of the Lutheran Mission and Church Extension Society, was asked to meet with similar Boards of the General Synod and United Synod South for the purpose of adopting a plan of Merger for the carrying forward of the great work of Home Missions and Church Extension without interruption if the respective bodies shall agree to form the United Lutheran Church of America. As our Board had already invited the Board of the General Synod for conference on other matters, this was made the principal item of business at that meeting held in Philadelphia on the 9th day of May, 1917. A plan of Merger was first submitted to the respective Boards and unanimously adopted at the joint conference. It has been approved by the General Synod and is herewith submitted as Appendix "A."

We are specially gratified with the harmony which prevails and the greater co-operation of all the forces of Unification. The Conference Mission Committees, the Presidents of Conferences and Synods, and the Synodical Home Mission Boards have important functions in the Unification Plan. Without their intelligent and active assistance the mission work will not derive the full benefit contemplated.

In our last report we stated that the missions of the Pittsburgh Synod were to be transferred to the General Board on September 1st, 1915, but owing to delay in making out the papers the actual transfer took place November 1st, 1915.

The following missions have become self-sustaining during the biennium: Bethesda, Unionville and St. John's, Buttonville, Canada; St. Paul's, Hartford, Conn.; Holy Trinity, Elmira, N. Y.; St. Simeon's and Zion's, Philadelphia, The Pine Grove Parish, Zion's, Nesquehoning, Zion's, Packerton, St. John's, Sayre, Grace, Gouldsboro, St. Joseph's, Allentown; Holy Communion, Harrisburg; St. Paul's, Drake's Mill; Trinity, McKean; St. Peter's, Mill Creek; St. John's, Franklin Center, Pa.; St. Luke's, Toledo; Grace, West Carrollton; St. John's, Ingomar, and St. Paul's, Coshocton, Ohio; St. Paul's and Christ, Detroit, Mich.; Trinity, Madison and Lake Park, Milwaukee, Wis.; Marshall-Columbus Parish; St. John's, Duluth, and Richfield, Minneapolis, Minn.; Holy Trinity, Glenburn, N. D., the latter two being self-sustaining from the beginning.

The following missions have been organized during the biennium: Grace, Smithville South, and St. John's, Merrick, L. I.; St. Paul's, Johnson City, N. Y.; Atonement, Wyomissing; Gloria Dei, Philadelphia; St. John's, Girard; Messiah, Wesleyville, and the new mission at Sloan, Pa.; St. Luke's, West Collingswood; Ascension, Haddon Heights, N. J.; Holy Trinity, Salem, Holy Trinity, Niles, Hilltop, Columbus, St. Matthew's, Dayton; First, Bowling Green, Redeemer and Parkside, Toledo, Ohio; St. Luke's and Grand Ave. Missions, Detroit, Mich.; Ascension, Columbus, and the new mission at Horicorn, Wis.; Richfield, Minneapolis, Minn.; Trinity, Glenburn, and St. John's, Killdeer, N. D.

MISSION STATISTICS

MINISTERIUM OF PENNSYLVANIA

PLACE	CHURCH	PASTOR	Organized	Members 1916	Members 1917	Sunday School	Value of Property
Canoe, Pa.	Trinity	Vacant	1901	51	52	58	\$13,000
Camden, N. J.	Christ	A. H. Steinhauer	1902	116	135	167	4,500
Philadelphia, Pa.	Mediator	A. C. Sumons	1905	170	172	312	14,400
Philadelphia, Pa.	Holy Spirit	U. E. Bauers	1913	84	93	79	7,500
Philadelphia, Pa.	Immanuel	Wm. L. Katz	1912	94	101	176	2,400
Philadelphia, Pa.	Prince of Peace	Conrad Wilker	1914	119	144	150	12,700
Philadelphia, Pa.	Grace	Paul Z. Strodach	1905	196	217	183	22,500
Philadelphia, Pa.	Gloria Dei	Walter C. Sandt	1917	.....	52	46	15,000
Collingswood, N. J.	St. Luke's	U. S. G. Bertolet	1916	.....	38	32	12,160
Magnolia, N. J.	Trinity	L. G. Hause	.....	43	47	41	6,150
Haddon Heights, N. J.	Ascension	U. S. G. Bertolet	1916	.....	45	58	4,200
Centon, N. J.	St. Bartholomew	O. C. F. Janke	1914	80	95	139	6,000
Wildwood, N. J.	Trinity	H. P. Cressman	1906	110	122	95	9,500
Polson, N. J.	St. James	Vacant	1848	103	91	63	6,000
Langhorne, N. J.	Redeemer	E. R. Cassaday	1905	48	57	56	6,500
Atlantic City, N. J.	St. Andrew's	F. C. Krapf	1905	110	134	172	20,000
Allentown, Pa.	St. James	D. F. Green	1913	127	215	238	26,000
Northampton, Pa.	St. Matthew's	J. S. Renninger	1903	106	126	115	12,000
Perwick, Pa.	St. John's	A. S. Deibert	1892	104	90	119	8,000
Rosey Shore, Pa.	First	C. B. Lindtwed	1867	78	84	102	5,000

MINISTERIUM OF PENNSYLVANIA (Continued)

PLACE	CHURCH	PASTOR	Organized	Members 1916	Members 1917	Sunday School	Value of Property
Mildred, Pa.	Trinity	A. L. Smith	1905	145	138	75	\$ 5.4
Lancaster, Pa.	Redeemer	Melvin A. Kurtz	1908	105	122	105	9.1
Lancaster, Pa.	Ascension	Vacant				50	1.2
Palmyra, Pa.	Palm	J. I. Meck	1845	106	147	189	11.3
Hershey, Pa.	Holy Trinity	J. I. Meck	1910	89	113	184	9.0
Strasburg, Pa.	St. Michael's	W. R. Knerr		84	118	77	
Wyomissing, Pa.	Atonement	C. K. Fegley	1916	12	22	60	1.0
Shillington, Pa.	Grace	R. W. Hufford, D.D.	1900		129	170	4.0
Overbrook, Pa.	Redeemer	R. W. Hufford, D.D.	1904	161	43	126	1.8
Mt. Penn, Pa.	Faith	J. F. Snyder	1887	115	106	158	2.0
Reading, Pa.	Peace	J. F. Snyder	1890	86	94	112	2.9
Scranton, Pa.	St. Paul's	Bernard Repass	1895	98	107	89	10.0
Palmerton, Pa.	Holy Trinity	Luther Coffman	1911	243	288	208	5.0
Audenreid, Pa.	Salem	D. H. Frederick		104	129	75	
Beaver Meadow, Pa.	St. Paul's	D. H. Frederick		77	67	64	2.2
35—Missions		27—Missionaries		3,164	3,733	4,143	\$278.7

NOVA SCOTIA SYNOD

Halifax	Resurrection	W. M. Weaver	1916	96	111	78	\$5.1
Midville	Mt. Zion	E. B. Smith			142	29	1.9
Hunford	Emmanuel	E. B. Smith			48		
Pleasant River	St. George	E. B. Smith		292	25		1.5
Newcombville	St. Mark's	E. B. Smith			17		1.9
Baker's Settlement	St. Luke's	E. B. Smith			84		
6—Missions		2—Missionaries		388	427	107	\$10.9

SYNOD OF CENTRAL CANADA

Guelph, Ont.	St. Paul's	Vacant	1908			83	\$10.0
Dunbar, Ont.	St. Luke's	Carl Sorensen	1878	76	80	59	7.0
Brantford, Ont.	St. Matthew's	Vacant	1903			53	
Montreal, Ont.	Redeemer	Ph. Lamartine	1905	60	66	36	24.0
Ottawa, Ont.	St. Peter's	H. F. Siegner	1910	80	61	68	25.0
Toronto, Ont.	St. Paul's	Vacant				54	18.0
6—Missions		3—Missionaries		216	207	353	\$84.6

NEW YORK AND NEW ENGLAND SYNOD

Brooklyn, N. Y.	Mediator	H. A. D. Wacker	1912	75	64	131	\$6.9
Brooklyn, N. Y.	Covenant	G. U. Preuss	1910	321	387	710	50.0
Brooklyn, N. Y.	Ascension	C. P. Jensen	1907	61	61	107	6.6
Dunton, L. I., N. Y.	St. Paul's	C. G. Toebke	1914	75	111	165	1.9
Smithville So. N. Y.	Grace	J. H. Stelljes	1916		38	40	
Merrick, N. Y.	St. John's	J. H. Stelljes	1916		35	39	
Baldwin, N. Y.	St. Peter's	W. Steinbicker	1916		30	33	
Yonkers, N. Y.	Redeemer	E. W. Weber	1902	176	233	130	14.8
New Britian, Conn.	Reformation	F. C. Wunder	1906	172	179	129	7.0
East Orange, N. J.	Holy Trinity	G. C. Loos	1900	130	145	95	9.9
Johnson City	St. Paul's, N. Y.	Luther Scheehl	1917				
11—Missions		10—Missionaries		1,010	1,281	1,579	\$96.1

CHICAGO SYNOD

Chicago, Ill.	Epiphany	C. R. W. Kegley	1904	110	133	140	\$16.0
Chicago, Ill.	St. James'	A. P. Lentz	1899	96	95	136	10.0
Chicago, Ill.	Atonement	Theo. Albert	1902	110	115	128	5.0
Chicago, Ill.	Marquette Manor	F. W. Webber	1915			48	
Chicago, Ill.	Belmont Park	Vacant	1915			118	1.9
Oak Park, Ill.	Salem	P. C. Wike	1911	57	61	88	2.0
Aurora, Ill.	Redeemer	Vacant	1906	135	97	118	20.0
Mishawaka, Ill.	First	Vacant	1901	114	109	87	25.0
Detroit, Mich.	St. Luke's	F. L. Lineberger	1917		49	75	7.0
Detroit, Mich.	Grand Avenue	F. L. Lineberger	1917				
10 Missions		6 Missionaries		622	659	938	97.9

PITTSBURGH SYNOD

PLACE	CHURCH	PASTOR	Organized	Members 1916	Members 1917	Sunday School	Value of Property
Atabula, O.	First	C. L. V. Dozer	1908	36	42	65	\$11,500
Coneaut, O.	Grace	Vacant	1901	68	72	65	5,900
Frell, Pa.	Grace	H. F. Grulm	1902	158	187	175	5,600
Lawrence Park, Pa.	Christ	G. E. Swoyer			29	147	7,500
North East, Pa.	St. Peter's	C. E. Read	1896	71	84	53	10,000
Vesleyville, Pa.	Messiah	C. E. Read	1916		31	21	
Cage, O.	Good Hope	J. C. F. Rupp	1906	46	45		10,000
Vesleyville, O.	Zion's	J. C. F. Rupp	1908	30	32	36	4,850
Amapolis, O.	St. Paul's	J. C. F. Rupp	1814	33	33	24	
Suthers, O.	St. James	P. Riffer	1907	40	41	51	3,500
Nes, Pa.	Christ	C. A. Dennig	1917		17	40	
Sm, Pa.	Holy Trinity	C. A. Dennig	1917		40	53	
Elgeport, O.	Trinity	P. P. Crickenberger	1897	139	130	129	15,100
Eddock, Pa.	Trinity	S. K. Herbster	1887	146	167	70	8,000
Tantum, Pa.	Grace	G. L. Weibel	1886	128	127	151	18,500
Vodlawn, Pa.	House of Prayer	C. E. Schweikert	1875	49	56	68	15,400
Veeling, W. Va.	Christ	G. W. Critchlow	1910	78	92	143	15,000
Sngdale, Pa.	St. Mark's	G. G. Ruff	1867	79	64	87	15,000
Sickley, Pa.	St. Paul's	R. R. Durst	1916	74	82	54	5,500
Pairn, Pa.	St. Paul's	Vacant	1903	82	74	77	1,000
Tford, Pa.	St. Mark's	Vacant	1911	31	20	45	
Psburgh, Pa.	Grace	R. G. Rosenbaum	1888	120	130	140	10,000
Psburgh, Pa.	Epiphany	I. M. Wallace, Ph.D.	1910	104	116	115	4,500
Lsdale, Pa.	St. Matthew's	L. W. Rupp	1891	86	98	74	1,500
Mindsville, W. Va.	First	R. E. McDaniel, D.D.	1905	42	81	41	4,500
M Pleasant, Pa.	Trinity	R. L. Leatherman			134	130	4,150
Ssburgh, Pa.	St. John's	F. W. Ash	1876	120	120	91	8,550
Fnellton, Pa.		F. W. Ash	1859	29	27	32	2,000
Ssburgh, Pa.	St. James	F. W. Ash	1806	42	42	32	4,000
Sn, Pa.		F. W. Ash	1917				
Shton, Pa.	Memorial	D. D. Miller				92	
Odersport, Pa.	St. Paul's	Vacant	1886	75	71	34	3,200
32 Missions				1,906	2,354	2,335	\$194,750

DISTRICT SYNOD OF OHIO

Cumbus, O.	Hilltop	J. M. Wenrich	1916		36	52	\$1,000
Tdo, O.	Divinity	R. H. Benting	1913	152	164	146	20,000
Tdo, O.	Parkside	R. H. Benting					
Tdo, O.	Redeemer	H. H. Creager	1916		37	78	1,500
Dton, O.	St. Matthew's	Vacant					
Celand, O.	Salem	F. P. Bossart	1915	24	29	68	4,500
Celand, O.	Emaus	R. H. Gerberding	1909	115	119	118	7,000
Dance, O.	Zion's	W. H. Shepfer	1901	189	187	128	10,250
Pding, O.	Zion's	E. J. K. Schmidt	1870	42	41		1,200
Pding, O.	St. Paul's	E. J. K. Schmidt	1901	72	93	78	10,000
Berton, O.	First	A. M. Sappenfield	1892	169	177	165	17,500
Fmont, O.	St. Mark's	E. F. Marker	1914	85	119	98	21,000
Bling Green, O.	First	R. E. Reed	1916	42	45	35	1,000
13 Missions				890	1,047	966	\$76,950

PACIFIC SYNOD

Beley, Cal.	St. Michael's	H. M. Leech	1913	78	84	87	\$13,000
Lgrande, Ore.	Zion's	F. W. Bussard	1912	57	57	27	1,500
Mford, Ore.	Zion's	W. R. Morenz-Oeser	1897	73	90	72	3,500
Nalem, Ore.	Grace	Theo. Schoenberg	1915	40	45		
Bingham, Wash.	Grace	G. H. Hartwig	1903	103	103		3,500
Nh Yakima, Wash.	Trinity	Andrew Engeset	1914	34	40	38	5,500
Ett, Wash.	Trinity	M. E. Boulton	1904	39	55	55	2,000
Seale, Wash.	University	Theo. Schoenberg	1917		32	22	
Tama, Wash.	St. John's	D. W. Michael	1891	50	74	63	15,000
Vouwer, Wash.	St. Paul's	E. O. Hoffmeister	1902	71	80	111	10,000
Voria, B. C.	Grace	P. E. Baisler	1909				20,000
Vouwer, B. C.	Redeemer	P. E. Baisler	1913	30	39	38	13,750
12 Missions				575	699	513	\$87,750

ENGLISH SYNOD OF THE NORTHWEST

PLACE	CHURCH	PASTOR	Organized	Members 1916	Members 1917	Sunday School	Value of Property	
Minneapolis, Minn....	Holy Communion....	H. L. Bosserman.....	1915	170	139	291	\$7,00	
Minneapolis, Minn....	St. James'.....	W. C. Drahn.....	1915	78	85	168	5,60	
Winona, Minn.....	Faith.....	E. R. Wicklund.....	1917	.....	38	47	.....	
Moorhead, Minn.....	First.....	Jos. W. Ramsey.....	1915	39	60	63	30	
Killdeer, N. D.....	Trinity.....	W. S. Ulrich.....	1917	.....	50	.....	.....	
Winnipeg, Minn.....	First.....	C. H. Bartsch.....	1905	186	200	80	45,00	
Livingston, Mont.....	Redeemer.....	K. W. Becker.....	1906	50	52	66	13,00	
Superior, Wis.....	Holy Trinity.....	A. O. Soholm.....	1905	190	112	146	7,50	
Beloit, Wis.....	Atonement.....	G. C. Smith.....	1905	127	106	78	26,50	
Cedarburg, Wis.....	Advent.....	Vacant.....	1904	91	93	52	15,00	
Neenah, Wis.....	St. Paul's.....	A. J. Sommer.....	1913	139	170	198	20,50	
Milwaukee, Wis.....	Resurrection.....	Jas. F. Beates.....	1914	66	94	188	10,00	
Milwaukee, Wis.....	.....	C. P. Weiskotten.....	1917	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Appleton, Wis.....	Trinity.....	F. L. Schreckenberg.....	1915	15	55	42	8,00	
Clintonville, Wis.....	.....	W. C. Stump.....	1917	.....	.....	.....	.....	
.....	.....	L. B. Deck.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Butte, Mont.....	.....	W. A. Zundel.....	.....	.....	.....	16	.....	
16 Missions.....		17 Missionaries.....	.....	1,151	1,254	1,419	\$148,40	
Grand Totals.....		141 Missions.....	107 Missionaries.....		9,922	11,616	12,369	\$1,074,49
Grand Total 1915 Communicants.....				8,645				
Grand Total 1916 Communicants.....				9,922				
Grand Total 1917 Communicants.....				11,616				

ENLARGEMENT

Whilst our mission forces are still very inadequate for meeting the increasing demand for establishment of vastly more English Lutheran mission congregations, we are gratified that we have been able to make considerable progress. The Rev. M. J. Bieber, D.D., began his work as Eastern District Superintendent, covering the field from Nova Scotia on the East to the boundary of the Ohio State line on the West, on April 1st, 1917.

The following Field Missionaries have been added to the force:

- Rev. P. E. Baisler for Western Canada.
- Rev. C. A. Dennig for Pittsburgh, Pa., and vicinity.
- Rev. J. M. Wenrich for Columbus, Ohio, and vicinity.
- Rev. F. R. Webber for Chicago, Ill.
- Rev. F. L. Lineberger for Detroit, Mich., and vicinity.
- Rev. W. C. Stump for the Fox River Valley, Wis.
- Rev. W. S. Ulrich for North Dakota.
- Rev. W. A. Zundel for Montana.

Whilst this shows progress, the field demands that it be followed up with more rapid enlargement.

THE WOMEN

They are playing a larger role in all the activities of the Church, and your Board was convinced, when it opened its sessions to a representative of the Women's Missionary Society, that larger prominence should

be given them in the work. Mrs. Geo. H. Schnur, the chairlady of their Home Mission Committee, is accorded a seat at our meeting. We are grateful to the women for their interest, prayers, and contributions toward the cause. During the biennium they have contributed the following amounts which have mostly been credited to the congregations and Synods on their apportionments:

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT FIELD MISSIONARY FUND FOR THE BIENNIUM 1916-17

Amount voted for Women's Field Missionary Fund, \$6,000 per annum. This amount was apportioned to the Synodical Societies on a membership basis.

	Apportioned per annum	Paid during biennium
Penna. Ministerium Society	\$2,720 00	\$1,532 50
Dist. Synod of Ohio Society	480 00	444 08
New York and New England Society	720 00	749 89
Pacific Synod Society	100 00	86 72
Chicago Synod Society	200 00	113 45
Northwest Synod:		
Central Conference Society	250 00	600 00
Wisconsin Conference Society	250 00	*500 00
Pittsburgh Synod Society	980 00	*846 73
Nova Scotia Synod Society	100 00	
Synod of Central Canada Society ..	200 00	
Total per annum	\$6,000 00	For biennium \$4,873 47

The women expect a larger return from the Thank-Offering boxes which have been distributed and which will not be received until the month of November and hence will only be included in the next biennium.

THE FINANCES

Whilst there is an increase in the contributions for the biennium for which we are grateful, the increase by no means meets our necessities. It is estimated that the war will cost the United States twenty-one billions for the first year, an average of \$210.00 for every man, woman, youth, and infant in our land. And yet we have not been able to secure from our congregations an average of 50 cents per adult communicant for the last year. Surely the Lutheran Church should devote herself to teaching her people and then the world the necessity of being rich toward God, the high importance of spiritual values. Two hundred and twenty-one dollars for war and only 50 cents, and that not paid, for salvation on the Home field must give us pause.

If we subtract the special addition to our treasury because of the entering into Unification of the Pittsburgh Synod and only add an amount

*These two items are based on last year's figures, reports for this year are not yet in.

equal to what that Synod contributed in the previous biennium, we shall have the following results:

1909-1911	\$85,650 36
1911-1913	98,966 42
1913-1915	99,280 84
1915-1917	116,591 86

Counting the full amount paid in by the Pittsburgh Synod, the present biennium totals \$130,091.02. This is encouraging.

THE APPORTIONMENTS

Prominent leaders in the Protestant Churches have raised the question as to whether or not the apportionment system has served its day. They contend that increased spirituality would be developed in our members and enlarged contributions would flow into the treasuries of all our Boards, if the causes were presented to each communicant and his personal annual pledge secured for their support, as is now done for the finances of the advanced individual congregations. The machinery for the inauguration of such a system has been developed by the Every-Member Canvass, and the denominations which have introduced it (as the Presbyterians and United Presbyterians) claim that it has yielded splendid results. This would relieve greatly the pastor and place the responsibility not upon the Church collectively, but upon each individual Christian. Whilst for the present we shall be compelled to continue the apportionment system, it is well that we begin to give serious attention to what we believe to be "a more excellent way."

At present there is considerable questioning of the fairness of the apportionment to the various Synods. For English Home Missions it varies from 31½ cents per confirmed member in the Ministerium of Pennsylvania to 56 cents in the Pittsburgh Synod.

The following table gives the membership, amount asked, and the amount actually apportioned for 1915-1917 per annum:

	Membership	Apportioned	Amount asked by our Board
Ministerium of Pennsylvania	159,137	\$40,000	\$50,000
Ministerium of New York	50,000	1,000	1,000
Pittsburgh Synod	26,872	15,000	15,000
New York and New England Synod....	14,479	7,250	7,250
District Synod of Ohio	12,939	6,000	6,500
Synod of the Northwest	10,921	3,500	5,000
Chicago Synod	8,284	4,000	4,000
Nova Scotia Synod	2,918	1,250	1,250
Pacific Synod	1,906	600	700
Synod of Central Canada	1,883	800	800
	289,339	\$79,400	\$91,500

The Board had asked \$12,100 more than was apportioned. We had from the beginning been satisfied with a low apportionment from the Ministerium of Pennsylvania for the following reasons advanced: First, there are many German and German-English congregations from whom very little could be secured for English Home Missions. Secondly, the Ministerium has a large budget for City Missions and German Missions, besides contributions for two Orphanages and Tabor and St. Joseph Homes. Thirdly, the support of College and Theological Seminary. It was for these reasons that the delegation of the Ministerium asked at Rock Island Convention that the apportionment be kept at \$40,000 per year for the biennium.

But proportionately the Pittsburgh Synod give equally, if not more largely, for the support of German Missions, its College, the Old Folks' Homes at Zelienople and Erie, and the Orphanage located on its territory. The weaker Synods are contributing to the Colleges and Seminaries from which they draw their pastors, and some of them giving proportionately larger amounts. Besides the larger and wealthier of our English congregations are located in the East, and on them we are greatly dependent for finances to support and extend our work. The fact is that for the support of our English Home Mission work we are almost entirely dependent on our English congregations, and that these decrease in number and size as we go westward.

There is also great inequality in the view which the Synods take of the apportionment for English Home Missions, and the measure in which they obligate themselves for its payment. Most of them regard it as simply a guide for the congregation to learn how much is expected of them, and at most they are encouraged by resolution to endeavor to pay the same. It is almost inconceivable that last year was the first in which such a progressive Synod as the New York and New England laid any apportionment on its congregations for English Home Missions. Whilst the General Council asks that all apportionments be regarded as a moral and business obligation, it has been regarded as a theory which should only be gradually, if ever, reduced to practice.

But the Chicago Synod from the first has looked upon the apportionment as both a business and a moral obligation, and has instructed its treasurer to pay one-twelfth of the sum every month into the treasury of the General Board and the Synod has discharged its full obligation. The English Synod of the Northwest and the Pacific Synod have adopted the same rule. The Synod of Central Canada, whilst it never adopted the rule, has followed the practice and has yearly paid and overpaid its full apportionment. It is our missionary Synods which are setting the example, which we hope our older Synods will speedily follow.

The standard of 50 cents per confirmed member is also objectionable to some. Some would prefer to have the apportionment according to the number of communicants, others according to the number of those who have communed, or of those who regularly con-

tribute to the support of the local congregation, etc. In that case the ratio would have to be higher than 50 cents and the apportionment to the congregation would amount to the same. In short we need to secure so much money per year, and that must be divided among those apportioned, whether it be confirmed, communicants, communed or paying members, and the resultant apportionment would be the same. When the Council apportions a Synod 50 cents per confirmed member, it does not mean that the Synod without consideration of the financial ability of the various congregations and their financial condition should apportion the less equally with the more able.

In view of the fact that there was a deficit of \$13,932.64 in the payment of this year's apportionment, the Board had resolved to keep its books open to July 1st to enable the Synods to meet their obligations in full in the Quadri-Centennial year of the Reformation and inaugurate a new era in the meeting of their "business and moral obligation." In response to this appeal and effort we received \$4,211.79, which still leaves the deficit at \$9,720.85. Our present indebtedness, the highest in our history, is \$24,800. This should be speedily cancelled, for it would surely not be to the credit of our General Council to bring to the larger Union a debt instead of a surplus.

TREASURER'S REPORT

MAY 1, 1915, TO APRIL 30, 1917

Receipts

Balance on hand, May 1st, 1915		\$8,501 18
For General Fund	\$121,389 87	
Women's Missionary Societies for special purposes	1,962 00	
Wisconsin Field Missionary Fund	1,125 00	
Philadelphia Field Missionary Fund	100 00	
Montana Field Missionary Fund	15 00	
Columbus Field Missionary Fund	43 51	
Interest on Estate of Daniel Grim, dec'd	13 39	
Interest on deposits	54 90	
Interest on Endowment Fund	301 69	
St. John's, Tacoma, Wash., one-half moving expenses of Rev. Michael	150 00	
Detroit Emergency Fund	967 35	
Northwest Synod Emergency Fund	300 00	
Rent of Portable Chapels	45 00	
Canada Synod (German)	38 43	
Sale of pews, Cambridge Springs, Pa.	75 00	
		126,581 14
Loans		32,258 00

Prince of Peace, Philadelphia, Pa., return of loan with interest	\$ 1,360 30	
Estate of Henry Grim, dec'd, legacy	1,084 88	
Estate of Charlotte Chorley, dec'd, legacy	950 00	
Estate of Margaret Chorley, dec'd, legacy	950 00	
Estate of Margaret Hager, dec'd, legacy	500 00	
Geissenhainer Fund	25 00	
		4,870 18
Total		\$172,210 50

Disbursements

Salaries and expenses of missionaries and all other employees	\$121,491 86	
Office Expenses	1,200 00	
Printing, literature, etc.	1,541 08	
Incidentals	458 69	
Appropriation to Pacific Theological Seminary..	2,850 00	
Payment of loans and discount charges	27,522 29	
Special appropriation to Holy Trinity, Lafayette, Ind.	1,000 00	
Special appropriation to St. Paul's, Guelph, Can.	150 00	
Loan to St. John's, Richmond Hill, L. I., N. Y...	100 00	
Interest on mortgage on Cambridge Springs property	53 00	
Payment on account of Detroit Emergency Fund	900 00	
Bioren & Co., for purchase of 3 Lehigh Valley R. R. Bonds for Endowment Fund	3,021 00	
Error in balance last report	14 00	
		160,301 92
May 1st, 1917. Balance on hand		\$11,908 58

Of the above balance, \$484.88 is to the credit of the Endowment Fund, leaving a balance of \$11,423.70 to the General Fund..

ENDOWMENT FUND

Balance reported in last account	\$10,881 00	
Geissenhainer Fund (reported in last account, but not in- cluded in balance)	100 00	
Estate of Henry A. Grim, dec'd, legacy	1,084 88	
Estate of Charlotte Chorley, dec'd, legacy	950 00	
Estate of Margaret Chorley, dec'd, legacy	950 00	
Estate of Margaret Hager, dec'd, legacy	500 00	
Addition to Geissenhainer Fund	50 00	
Interest on same	2 00	
Total		\$14,517 88

The above amount is invested as follows:

Bond and mortgage, St. John's Church, Duluth, Minn.	\$ 4,000 00
Note and Mortgage, Holy Trinity, Seattle, Wash.	1,000 00
Note and Mortgage, Church of the Redeemer, Aurora, Ill. ..	1,000 00
Mortgage, First English Church, Winnipeg, Canada	1,881 00
B. & O. R. R. 1st Mtge. 50 year Gold 4 percent Bond	1,000 00
Lehigh Valley Gen'l Cons. Gold 4½ percent Bond	4,000 00
Mortgage on lots in Brooklyn	1,000 00
Special deposit in Commonwealth Title, Insurance and Trust Company, representing Geissenhainer Fund	152 00
Cash uninvested	484 88
Total	\$14,517 83

All the above Bonds are registered as to principal in the name of the Board.

STATEMENT OF INDEBTEDNESS

The Board is indebted as follows:

Pelham Trust Company	\$16,800 00
Rev. F. S. Beistel and sister	1,000 00
Farmers Trust Co., Lancaster, Pa.	3,500 00
Mr. F. D. Bittner	3,500 00
Total	\$24,800 00

Of the above indebtedness, \$600.00 has been loaned to the church at Winnipeg, for which a mortgage of \$2,481.00 is held covering the loan from the Endowment Fund, as reported above.

E. AUG. MILLER, *Treasurer.*

At the appointment of the Finance Committee of the Board of English Home Missions, we have examined the vouchers for the payments herein credited for the period from May 1st, 1915, to April 30th, 1917, inclusive, and find the same correct. The total of cash receipts, per the monthly summary in the secretary's book, agrees with the amount recorded in the Treasurer's account. The several securities in the Endowment Fund amount to \$14,517.88, have been examined and agree with the items recorded in the report.

(Signed)

M. F. TREXLER,

J. M. DECK,

Auditing Committee.

OUR EARNEST REQUESTS

As is noted in another part of this report, we had asked, but did not receive the larger apportionment requested in 1915. We were, however,

encouraged that our absolute necessities would receive favorable hearing at this convention. Our work, as you will notice, has increased, but it would have been more largely extended if the means therefor had been placed at our disposal. We have schooled ourselves to be content with the very minimum for the present, looking forward to secure more adequate means through our Six-Year Program.

There are two reasons why we must ask for a larger grant. First, the high cost of living demands that the salaries of our missionaries be increased, and, whilst we have besought the missions to furnish the needed increase, this has not always been possible in sufficient amounts, and hence the maintenance of the older missions has increased our expense. But to the missions recently organized we have been constrained to contribute in larger proportion than heretofore and will be in the future.

Secondly, the importance and the number of English Home Missions to be established in our hitherto neglected territory is continually increasing. The Home Mission work of our Lutheran Church in the United States will have to be done more exclusively through the medium of the English language in the future than ever before. The fact that our nation has entered upon the war against the Central Powers will not only diminish emigration from them and the countries which strongly sympathize with them, but will also discredit more and more all foreign languages and customs, and Americanism will express itself more exclusively in the English tongue than heretofore. Hence, if we have not been able to do the less with our present resources, how can we undertake to do the greater?

We, therefore, ask the General Council (1) To apportion among the Synods the sum of \$96,250 per annum for the present biennium, and request the Synods to look upon it as a moral and business obligation, and to arrange for the payment of one-twelfth of the amount every first day of each succeeding month. (2) As our Board has hitherto indicated the amounts to be apportioned to each Synod, we offer the following not as a recommendation but as a suggestion, being in our judgment the most equitable way to apportion the total amount:

Ministerium of Pennsylvania	\$100,000 00
Ministerium of New York	4,000 00
Pittsburgh Synod	32,000 00
New York and New England Synod	16,000 00
District Synod of Ohio	15,000 00
Synod of the Northwest	10,000 00
Chicago Synod	9,000 00
Nova Scotia Synod	3,000 00
Pacific Synod	1,500 00
Synod of Central Canada	2,000 00
Total for the biennium	\$192,500 00

APPENDIX "A."

In pursuance of a request from the Qaudri-Centennial Committee relative to the Merging of the General Council, General Synod and United Synod of the South, into one body, to be called "The United Lutheran Church of America," and in further pursuance, to ask the Boards of Home Missions and Church Extension, of these bodies, to prepare a plan. The two Boards of Home Missions and Church Extension of the General Synod and General Council, suggest the following, in the event such a Merger is accomplished:

1. A new Corporation to be formed, to be called "The Board of Home Missions and Church Extension of the United Lutheran Church of America"; which shall be incorporated under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.
2. The United Lutheran Church of America at its first meeting shall elect a Board of members, for said Corporation, of whom shall be Ministers, and of whom shall be Laymen, who shall have full charge of all the Home Missions and Church Extension interests of the Lutheran Church in America.
3. This to include all the Home Missions and Church Extension interests of the Lutheran Church in America, as at present cared for and administered by the Home Missions and Church Extension Boards of the General Synod, General Council, and United Synod of the South, and such other Home Missions and Church Extension interests, as may from time to time be given to it.
4. The Boards of Home Missions and Church Extension of all the other General Bodies, viz., the General Council, United Synod of the South, and the General Synod, shall when requested to do so, by the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension of the United Lutheran Church of America, transfer to the New Board, all their respective work and all their Assets.

Upon the assumption of the work and assets of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension, of all these bodies, by the new Board of Home Missions and Church Extension of the United Lutheran Church of America, or as soon thereafter as the contracts of said Board of said present General Bodies may permit, the employment of all the Employees of the said and various Boards shall cease and determine.

5. Nothing, however, in this formation of the new Board of Home Missions and Church Extension, in the United Lutheran Church of America, shall be construed as terminating the life or entity of the present Boards of Home Missions and Church Extension, in these several bodies.
6. But the said Corporate Boards shall continue as long as may be deemed necessary, in order to receive and turn over Legacies, Gifts or Bequests that may be made to them in their corporate name.

7. The Board of Home Missions and Church Extension shall arrange as soon as possible its Plan of Operation, and shall put the same into effect, giving sufficient recognition, in the most practical way, to each of the District Synods, represented in the Consolidation and merging of the three great bodies of Lutherans in America.

APPENDIX "B."

A SIX-YEAR PROGRAM FOR HOME MISSIONS 1917-1923

Recommended to the Board of English Home Missions by the First Conference of Home Mission Forces, 1916

The general outline of this recommended program is under the three-fold division: The FIELD; The FORCE; The FINANCES.

THE FIELD

A. We recommend that the Board determine to complete, by 1923, a thorough Home Mission Survey of each Synod and of each State and Province on the territory for which the General Council has been regarded as specially responsible.

B. We recommend that these Surveys be followed as rapidly as may be by definite plans for the Home Mission Development of each section. The aim ought to be to have this portion of the program completed by 1923.

We would point out that such detailed and prearranged program would serve as an excellent basis for comity with the Home Mission forces of other synods.

WHAT THIS WOULD MEAN

1. To carry out this plan would necessitate a thorough study and survey of the following territory: The New England States, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota, North and South Dakota, Montana, Wyoming, Nevada, Idaho, Oregon and Washington, Nova Scotia, Quebec, Manitoba, Ontario, Saskatchewan, Alberta, British Columbia.

2. Statistics of these sections reveal the following facts as to cities needing Home Mission attention: There are 3 cities having over 1,000,000 population; 5 cities having over 500,000 population; 10 cities having over 200,000 population; 22 cities having over 100,000 population; 14 cities having over 50,000 population; 82 cities having over 25,000 population; 46 cities having over 20,000 population; 223 cities having over 10,000 population.

3. In addition to the cities, which call most urgently for the Lutheran Church to determine which shall be cared for and at what speed, there are rural sections throughout the same territory to which attention must be paid. Some such section will call for a survey to determine where

there is need for the establishment of Country Churches. Others—like Eastern Pennsylvania—will reveal existing churches with very distinct needs.

4. The survey of such sections will undoubtedly show to the Board the need to secure and to carry out a Program for the Country Church as a part of its activities.

THE FORCES

With an understanding of the needs and a determination of the ways in which these needs shall be met, there must be joined an adequate number of men who will administer the program and shepherd the missions established. The following items, therefore, are recommended for a place in the Six-Year Program.

A. *Superintendents*: It is the judgment of the Committee that the present General and District Superintendents are a sufficient force for efficient oversight of the work. We recommend, however, that the office force be increased effectively by the provision of an additional worker who could be charged with the work incidental to the stimulation of the Conference Mission Committees and the Synodical Home Mission Boards to greater activity in making this program effective; for the increased efficiency of "The Home Missionary"; for the preparation of Home Mission literature such as folders, cards, charts, and programs; and for the publishing of suitable Home Mission text-books.

B. *Field Missionaries*: The full Home Mission development of our vast territory cannot be attained in Six Years. We should, however, place at least one Field Missionary in each Synod, or in each State and Province by 1923. Since we have 14 Field Missionaries at present, this aim would require an increase of between 15 and 20 in the Six Years.

C. *Mission Committees and Synodical Boards*: The new program will not be complete without the thorough development of all the Home Mission Forces. By 1923 every Synodical Home Mission Board and each Conference Mission Committee ought to be co-operating with the General Board more effectively than ever. This program must contemplate and depend upon the instruction of all these by the Board's representatives, and also upon the intelligent, hearty and regular activity of each unit, in carrying out the surveys and determining the future plans.

D. *Missionaries*: With the survey conducted by the entire force, and followed by the plan of development, and with this plan carried out by the field forces, the establishment of mission congregations at an adequate rate of increase will call for an augmented corps of missionary pastors. We employ 125 missionaries now. The initial development of a thoroughly aggressive Home Mission Policy during the next six years should make our goal: *Not less than 250 missionaries by 1923.*

E. *The Educational Campaign*: Plans for institutions of higher learning and theological training should be a part of the plan of development in new sections. The more thorough establishment of the institutions

already existing on distinctly Home Mission Territory should receive attention also.

(a) In the problem of educating the Church to understand and appreciate its Home Mission Task, the Six-Year Program ought to include: *An Annual Home Mission Institute on the Territory of Each Synod of the General Council.*

(b) For the problem of raising the efficiency of the entire Home Mission Force, it should provide a *Biennial Home Mission Congress.*

(c) Another aim should be *the Home Mission Claim and the Six-Year Program Presented in Every Congregation in the General Council by 1918.*

(d) The final result to be sought should be a *Home Mission Study-Class in Every Congregation by 1923.*

THE FINANCES

To be completely successful every campaign must have an adequate support. Hence our Six-Year Program must include some definite plans for Home Mission Finance.

Since the program is to be something of a memorial of the 400th Anniversary of the Reformation, it ought to include a special Jubilee Fund as well as a properly enlarged annual income for the Home Mission Treasury.

A. *The Jubilee Expansion Fund*: We recommend that the Board endeavor to raise a sufficient amount to make the sum available for Home Mission Work at least \$500,000.00 by 1923. And we suggest that it should be understood that \$100,000.00 of this fund should be set aside as a special endowment fund for the theological seminaries at Waterloo, Ontario, and at Seattle, Wash., and that we hold in abeyance the raising of any portion of this \$500,000.00 until after the Quadri-Centennial Committee has completed its work and the amount awarded to Home Missions shall be counted as part of this amount.

B. *The Annual Income*: The support of Home Mission activities is a constant responsibility of the Church. Hence each succeeding generation of Christians has this duty to perform. The education of the Church as to its Home Mission Obligation must include, therefore, an education in respect to an increased liberality for this cause.

The goal of the Six-Year Program must be one that will provide for the full meeting of the expense involved in carrying out the other portions. This will necessitate the adoption of the Slogan: *Not less than \$150,000.00 Annually from the Church for Home Missions by 1923.*

This will call for an *Average Annual Increase* of about \$12,000.00 during the next six years.

We request that the General Council make the apportionment requested and approve of the articles on Merger and also the Six-Year program.

J. C. KUNZMANN, *Secretary.*

The report was adopted as a whole.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Cooper, it was

Resolved, That all references to the Merger in all reports be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Kunzmann, it was

Resolved, That the Six-Year Program for Home Missions be commended to our churches.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Weiskotten, it was

Resolved, That we recommend to the Synods of the General Council the adoption of the Every-Member Canvass.

After prayer, the Convention adjourned.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Saturday, October 27, 9 A. M.

The Sixth Session was opened with a devotional service conducted by the Rev. M. J. Bieber, D.D., of Montreal, Canada.

The Minutes of the first five Sessions were read and adopted. The Rev. B. J. Hankey presented the

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MISSIONS FOR PORTO RICO AND LATIN AMERICA, 1915-1917

To the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America.

FATHERS AND BRETHREN:—Since our last report, the work in the mission in Porto Rico has been continued without interruption, but at the cost of extra labors on account of sickness of some of the missionaries. The Rev. De Alda, after a long and hard struggle, was compelled to resign his office and leave the island. This is a painful loss to the mission. Miss Mellander was also forced to come to the north on account of sickness. The laborers now at the mission are: Americans, Rev. A. Ostrom and Rev. A. P. G. Anderson, and Misses Emma R. Schmid, Sofia Probst, and Nanca Schoen, the last named having been commissioned in Pittsburgh, July 1, 1917. Of native helpers there are six males and five females. And when it is stated that the Revs. Ostrom and Anderson will very soon need long vacations in the north or give up the work, it will be seen that there is the most urgent necessity of securing, without delay, at least one ordained minister, and the Board asks the help of the Council in securing such.

And this state of things has confirmed the Board in its efforts towards the creating of a native church under the care of a native ministry. With this end in view we have quite full curricula for school and seminary. And one of our new By-laws, under our Charter, provides the following: "The missionaries are charged to bear the Gospel faithfully to the communities in which they are located, and to seek the establishment of self-supporting, self-governing Evangelical Lutheran churches under the care of a native ministry. The mission must constantly encourage the native Christians to give their children a religious education, to support their native pastors and teachers, to defray the current expenses of their congregations, and relieve their needy brethren." And we hope that several

of the present native helpers will in due time be prepared to enter the ministry. One of them has rendered services for eight years and been a diligent student. He has the confidence of all, and the Board will now try to arrange for his ordination, which will be very significant and opportune at this time.

Many items, which would have been given here, are omitted because presented in the very full and excellent Biennial Report of the Rev. A. Ostrom to the Board.

But the crowning work of the last two years is the building of the church in San Juan in the section known as Puerta de Tierra, a beautiful location. The building is fully described in the Rev. Ostrom's report. It is generally conceded to be the handsomest and best equipped church on the island. Much of the furniture and fixtures was donated, and, among them, a large and fine-toned bell, which is highly appreciated. It is the gift of Mr. J. S. Seaman, of Pittsburgh. The dedication took place on Sunday, April 29, 1917. Both services, Spanish and English, were largely attended and greatly enjoyed. The Board had arranged to be represented on the occasion by our secretary, the Rev. B. F. Hankey, but he was unavoidably prevented from going. There is great rejoicing over this work throughout the mission. And we cannot omit mention of the zeal and material help rendered by Mrs. Ostrom in this work. She had gathered \$1,000.00 toward a fund for the building of a parsonage, but loaned it to the Board to aid in building the church.

THE REV. A. OSTROM'S BIENNIAL REPORT FROM JULY 1, 1915, TO JUNE 30, 1917

Another period of two years' work has passed, and it is proper and wholesome to review the work done and note the conditions that have prevailed.

THE PANAMA CONFERENCE AND THE REGIONAL CONFERENCE IN PORTO RICO

At the Panama Conference, held during the month of February last year, the fact was brought out and emphasized that Porto Rico was the best cared for mission field of all Latin-American countries, and that ideal relations existed among the various denominations engaged in missionary activities on the Island. Generally speaking this statement was true.

A sort of comity arrangement or understanding has been respected from the beginning by almost all of the ten principal denominations working on the Island. Certain districts or territories had been assigned to each denomination, and it was understood that in the country districts and in the smaller towns only one denomination should be represented, while no restrictions were made as to the larger cities.

The various denominations, or rather the missionaries, recognizing the fact that they had many common interests in the evangelization of the Island, soon after the American occupation formed the Federation of Evangelical Churches. We believe that much good came from this free or-

ganization, in which each denomination was independent and worked according to its own genius and principles. At the Panama Conference, just referred to, which the writer had the honor to attend as a visitor, a similar status prevailed, there being no compromise of principles, each denomination standing upon its own confessional basis. But a different spirit was manifest at the Regional Conference, held as a result of the Panama Conference in San Juan, Porto Rico, the following month. Here the idea of union and co-operation was uppermost, and conscientious differences as to doctrine and practice were disregarded. The Reformed brethren, being in the majority, passed resolutions that we as Lutherans could not agree to, and so we stated openly at the Conference. Upon acquainting our Board with the facts and sending them a copy of these resolutions, we were sustained in our position by the Board, and accordingly notified the Evangelical Union that had been formed at the Regional Conference, that the Lutheran Church could not form a part of the said Union. The Episcopalians also are not members of the Union.

OUR FIELD AND ITS PROBLEMS

Our field comprises the municipalities of San Juan, Bayamon (Catano is a part of the latter municipality), and a part of the Rio Piedras, with a total population of about 100,000 souls. In our field, not counting San Juan, where several denominations have churches, the Christian Church, or the Disciples, are also at work, principally in the city of Bayamon. From the fact that ten principal denominations are at work on the Island, which is only 97 miles long and 37 miles wide, and our field is surrounded on all sides by other denominations, some of which are very aggressive, it is easily seen that our field is pretty limited. We cannot very well think of entering districts occupied by others. Yet we have a relatively large field with a large population, and it is our privilege as well as Christian duty to care for this part of the harvest. Our work during the past two years has been more intensive than extensive. We have some barrios or country districts that we have not as yet occupied, because of lack of men and means, but we must occupy them as soon as possible, otherwise others who are watching the opportunities will enter and do the work.

But there are other problems that are now confronting us. Hitherto we have been fighting Roman superstition and idolatry, Spiritualism, general unbelief, wickedness, and indifference, and we will have to continue to do so in the future, but we now are especially called upon to fight various unsound and perverse sects that have come here to disturb the flock and steal sheep, most prominent of these being the Adventists, the Russellites, and the Christian Science. Oh, the astuteness of the enemy of the souls of men! How busy he is to lay snares, introduce errors, and lead astray precious souls in divers ways! After some souls have been brought into the fold and others near to it, then comes the enemy with strange doctrines and causes confusion among the simple-

mind, whom we have endeavored to lift up from a state of ignorance into the light of the Gospel. But these conditions only spur us on to a more faithful use of the resources of the means of grace, to divide the Word properly, to expose all errors, and to preach a full and pure Gospel. The true character of our dear Church in ages past must always be maintained and followed here, namely, to indoctrinate in the true faith and emphasize that this faith be manifest in godly lives.

There is also another problem that we feel that we must call the Church's attention to. Though our field in Porto Rico is somewhat limited, we have always thought and felt that from Porto Rico activities for the salvation of souls in the neighboring Island of Santo Domingo, only 90 miles distant, should go forth. Very little missionary work is done on that very large and populous Island. There are vast fields of virgin soil for missionary work, awaiting for some one to come and sow the Gospel seed. Then there is Venezuela to the South of us, where a year ago there were only five Evangelical churches among a population of 3,000,000.

THE MISSIONARIES AND THEIR WORK

I. American Missionaries.

There are at present only two ordained missionaries on the field, after the Rev. de Alda, afflicted with a tropical disease, suddenly left for the States in the latter part of October last year.

The Rev. A. P. G. Anderson has charge of the Bayamon District, comprising the towns and barrios or country districts of Bayamon, Toa Baja, Dorado, and the country districts around Monacillo. The municipality of San Juan, the towns and country districts of Catano and Palo Seco form the San Juan District, of which the undersigned is in charge.

The Rev. de Alda, until his departure, had charge of Catano and the Palo Seco field, and instructed the native preachers in the Seminary.

Besides caring for their own local congregations the ordained pastors must visit the various congregations and mission places and supervise the work of the native preachers, and also give them instruction at least one day in the week in the Seminary.

The American lady missionaries are Misses May C. Mellander, Emma R. Schmid, Sofia Probst and Nanca Schoen.

Miss Mellander returned to the field Nov. 29, 1915, after two years' absence. Her work has been principally to instruct in some subjects in the Seminary and to visit the various Sunday-schools, giving directions and advice as to the best methods of conducting the same. She has also devoted some time to the Bayamon congregation and to the English choir in San Juan. Owing to continued illness, she went north again May 23rd this year for an indefinite period.

Miss Schmid has had her work principally in the English congregation, visiting, conducting Bible classes in the homes, working among the young people, and teaching in the Sunday-schools.

Miss Probst has had charge of the Kindergarten in Catano, visiting in the congregation, teaching in the Sunday-schools, and helping in the Luther League.

II. Native Helpers.

The native male helpers, six in number, have been the same as at the close of the last biennial.

Demetrio Texidor has had charge of the Sion congregation on Comerio St. Bayamon, and the mission station Pajaros. Juan Zambrana has lived in Dorado, taking care of the Getsemani congregation and the work in the country districts of Saldinera, Higuillar, Maracayo, etc. German Vazquez is stationed at Toa Baja, being in charge of the San Pedro congregation and the country district of Campanilla. Guillermo Marrero has served the Betania congregation at Monacillo and the barrios of Monacillo Arriba, Juan Domingo, etc. Dionisio Miranda has worked in the congregation of Divino Salvador, Catano, after Rev. de Alda left, and in the San Pablo congregation in San Juan. He has also had Sunday-school and services in Sabana, a barrio off of Catano. Sergio Cobian has been in charge of the Betesda congregation in Palo Seco and of the country districts of La Palma, el Plantage and Salinas.

The following native women have helped in the mission: Matilde Llanes in the Kindergarten, congregation and Sunday-school in Catano till April 15th, when she resigned to get married. Dolores Rosado took her place for two months till the school term closed. Concepcion Gonzalez has done visiting in the San Pablo congregation in San Juan. Geneveva Fernandez, who visited in the congregation of Bayamon, resigned to get married, and she was succeeded by two native women, Aurora Lomena and Mariana Ojeda.

SEMINARY

The native preachers, Demetrio Texidor, Juan Zambrana, Guillermo Marrero, German Vazquez, Sergio Cobian, and Dionisio Miranda have attended classes from one to two days a week during 9 months of each year, at our Seminary in Catano. They are pursuing a course of studies that will ultimately lead to ordination. The instructors have been Revs. Anderson, Ostrom, de Alda, and Miss Mellander.

MISSION COUNCIL

The new rules governing the Mission, adopted at the last biennial convention of the General Council went into effect in the Mission Jan. 1, 1916. All important matters, relative to the mission work, have been discussed and considered by the Council. A copy of the minutes of each meeting has been forwarded to the Board. It is a pleasure to state that the Board has always given favorable attention to our requests and recommendations, and has generously supported us in all our endeavors.

ANNUAL CONFERENCES

Recognizing the need of the various congregations of our mission coming into closer relation with each other and feeling with us their common responsibility in the building up of God's kingdom on the Island, annual conferences have been held during the past years, the fifth one taking place last January in the Church of Santisima Trinidad, Bayamon. A constitution has been adopted, the missionaries and one delegate from each congregation constitute the Conference. During the two days' convention sermons are preached, some Biblical topic is treated, and practical problems are considered. Great interest has been manifested in these conferences, and much good has come from them.

MISSION MEETINGS

In order to encourage and edify the local congregations, quarterly mission meetings have been held, at which all the missionaries have attended and taken part. These meetings have proved inspiring, have always been well attended, and have been very much appreciated by the congregations.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL CONVENTION

Without gainsaying, one of our supreme duties on the Mission field is to instruct the children and the young people in the Word of God. This is done in our Sunday-schools. But to do this we must endeavor to train teachers for the sacred work. As a means to attain to this end our first Sunday-school Teachers' Convention was held last June in Catano. It was a pleasure to see the many young people devoted to this cause gather from the various Sunday-schools and discuss freely the best methods of doing Sunday-school work. We hope to hold such conventions as often as time and conditions will permit.

KINDERGARTEN

The Kindergarten in Catano has continued during the biennium. It is the oldest and the only one we have in the Mission. Miss Sofia Probst has been in charge, ably assisted by Matilde Llanes till April 15th this year, when she resigned. Dolores Rosado took her place till the end of the term. The Kindergarten is a feeder for the Sunday-school, and through it we win the good will of many people for our church. We trust we can establish more Kindergartens in the near future.

LUTHER LEAGUES

Luther Leagues have been organized in several of our congregations. The Church must always give especial attention to the young people by interesting them in the church and its work and thus endeavor to keep them aloof from the many evil influences of the world. Aside from the regular services and the pastoral care this can best be done by keeping their hearts and minds occupied in things that will promote wholesome knowledge and Christian character. The Luther Leagues have given special attention to Bible studies. This year a course of studies in the

Reformation is given them. Rev. Anderson has given special attention to outlining studies in the Bible and the Reformation for the young people, as well as prepared a two years' course for our Sunday-schools in the Catechism and Bible History, and our mission is greatly indebted to him for his efficient service.

THE NEW CHURCH EDIFICE IN SAN JUAN

It is with great joy that we can now record the fact that the much-talked-of church in San Juan has become a reality. It has been built in the middle district of the city of San Juan, known as Puerta de Tierra, on a ridge that overlooks the blue expanse of the Atlantic Ocean. From an architectural point of view the edifice is churchly and beautiful. The architect, Mr. Antonin Nechodoma, and the contractor, Mr. F. B. Hatch, have indeed given us a church building that they can feel proud of. It is greatly admired by the whole community. It is at present the finest Protestant church building in Porto Rico. The location is quite free from dust and noise, and airy. The delightful tradewinds from the ocean always make our church a comfortable place for worship. It stands as a worthy Quadri-Centennial memorial of the loving mission friends of the Church of the Reformation.

Adjoining the church is a two-story building, the first floor of which is used for school purposes and smaller meetings and can by means of the sliding-folding doors be made a part of the main church auditorium. The second floor contains the living rooms of the pastor.

The church was completely filled by the two congregations, the English and the Spanish, and their friends at the impressive consecration services that took place Sunday, April 29th this year.

The cost of the church and adjoining building, including architect fees for plans and supervision, is \$16,500. The art glass windows (donated), the pews, the pulpit (donated), the altar (donated), the lectern, the folding chairs, the Kindergarten chairs, the electric fixtures (mostly donated), the bell (donated), the altar chairs and baptismal font (donated), the hymnboard (donated), the collection plates (donated), green altar vestments (donated), represent an outlay of about \$3,250. Hence the church complete cost about \$19,750. The two congregations of San Juan have raised over \$1,200 for the church.

THE QUADRI-CENTENNIAL

Even our Mission in Porto Rico has caught the festive spirit of our Church. Special addresses on the Reformation were given at our Annual Conference in January, and this Fall we hope to celebrate various festivals. Our Adult Bible Classes and Luther Leagues are studying the Reformation. Our Mission is preparing to publish this Fall three Spanish books to commemorate the Reformation. One book will contain selections from Luther's sermons, the other, selections from his other writings, and the third book will be a Church Manual, containing the services, ministerial acts, the Augsburg Confession, etc.

EL TESTIGO

At our Annual Conference it was decided to issue a small mission periodical. We have all felt the need of such a help in our mission. It took some months before we could see our way clear financially to undertake the issue of such a paper. Finally it was agreed by the committee in charge to publish it monthly. The first issue of "El Testigo" (The Witness) appeared last June. We believe this is the first Lutheran Spanish paper published in America. For the present El Testigo will principally attend to the needs of our Sunday-schools in giving a two-years' course in the Catechism and Bible History. Lessons will also be given in Bible Studies and Church History for the Adult Bible Classes and Luther Leagues. The paper will also contain short editorials upon important subjects, especially in reference to our Church, and notes from our mission field.

URGENT NEED OF ORDAINED MEN

Our greatest urgent need for the present is one, and if possible, two more ordained men. The two ordained pastors on the field have now been in the tropics, the one over 10 years, the other over 12 years. We are both feeling badly the draining effects of the warm climate. Our strength is failing us every day and our efficiency is decreasing. Both of us will soon either have to leave the field entirely or have to ask the Board for a year's furlough in the States in order to regain our vitality and efficiency. Then, we need more men so that more time can be given to the instruction of the native preachers and thus sooner prepare them for ordination.

CONGREGATIONS

	Date of Organization	Communicants July 1, 1917
1.	First Ev. Lutheran, San Juan, Jan. 1, 1900	177
2.	San Pablo, San Juan, Apr. 15, 1900	97
3.	Divino Salvador, Catano, Aug. 23, 1903	99
4.	Santisima Trinidad, Bayamon, July 12, 1908	51
5.	San Pedro, Toa Baja, June 29, 1909	30
6.	Getsemani, Dorado, June 25, 1911	21
7.	Betania, Monacillo, June 30, 1912	48
8.	Betesda, Palo Seco, Dec. 9, 1912	23
9.	Sion, Comerio Street, Bayamon, Apr. 27, 1913	34
Total Communicants		580

The collections during the biennium at all services, Sunday-schools and Luther Leagues show the following results:

San Juan District (Eng. Church, San Juan, \$467.96; San Pablo, San Juan, \$209.72; Divino Salvador, Catano, \$190.35; Betesda, Palo Seco, \$48.84)\$ 916 87

Bayamon District (Santisima Trinidad, Bayamon; Comerio St., Bayamon; San Pedro, Toa Baja; Getsemani, Dorado, Betania, Monacillo)\$ 313 95

Total collections \$1,230 82

To this should be added donations, as follows:

Bayamon District, donations from Americans on the Island..\$ 202 00

San Juan District, especially the two congregations in San Juan, donations raised in Porto Rico, \$749.00, from the States, \$198.55 (not counting the large sums that have been forwarded to the Board 947 00

Grand Total \$1,149 00

There has not been a very large increase in the number of communicants during the biennial, due to various causes. Much sickness among the missionaries has prevented them from doing the regular work, and during the last year the two ordained pastors had their furloughs. All congregations have increased their membership, except the English congregation, which during the biennium received 36 adults, but the losses, owing principally to removals and deaths, were 38.

MISSION STATIONS

Aside from the congregations given above, mission work is done in the following country places: San Juan, Sanchez, Guaraguao, Campanilla, Maracayo, Higuillar, Sardinera, Monacillo Arriba, Juan Domingo, Juan Bailey, La Palma, el Plantage, Pajaros and Sabana, in all 13 barrios.

GENERAL SUMMARY

The totals are: Congregations, 9; missions, 13; net increase in communicants, 48; Sunday-schools, 22; enrollment in Sunday-schools, about 1,800; Luther Leagues, 6; Kindergarten, 1.

American missionaries: Ordained men, 2; women, 3; missionaries' wives, 2. Native helpers: men, 6; women, 4.

VALUATION OF PROPERTIES

<i>San Juan</i> , church with furnishings, and lot	\$25,000 00
Miramar lot	4,000 00
<i>Catano</i> , two lots, church, frame school house and frame cottage	6,000 00
<i>Bayamon</i> , church and lot	5,500 00
<i>Monacillo</i> , church, cottage, and half-acre lot	4,200 00
<i>Palo Seco</i> , church, parsonage and lot	2,900 00
<i>Comerio Street</i> , Bayamon, frame church and lot	1,200 00
<i>Toa Baja</i> , lot	325 00
<i>Dorado</i> , lot	300 00
<i>Monacillo</i> , lot and shack	60 00
	\$49,485 00

San Juan, Porto Rico, August 8, 1917.

Yours in the Lord's service,

ALFRED OSTROM.

Our lot in Miramir, San Juan, which was bought as the location for the new church, but by the change of circumstances was rendered unsuitable for that purpose, is now offered for sale by the Board through the efforts of the Rev. A. Ostrom.

The holding of annual conferences, Sunday-school conventions, and mission meetings is very helpful for the work.

The subject of the 400th anniversary of the great Reformation has also been brought before the mission, and translations from Luther's works have been made into the Spanish language.

Quarterly reports to the Board by all the missionaries have proven very acceptable, and one of them set forth so admirably the need of the people, the relief work done and to be done, that we had 20,000 copies printed and distributed through the churches.

The Rev. Ostrom gives full account of his attendance at the Panama Convention, and of the action of our missionaries on that subject, which was conservative and safe.

Before the sale of the Danish West India Islands to the United States, the question about the future of the Lutheran churches on those islands after the transfer awakened interest. A number of people from those churches have been and are connected with our mission at Porto Rico, and the people on the Islands expressed the wish to come into closer relations with us and the General Council. And we instructed the Rev. Ostrom to visit them. This he did, and was cordially received and found the disposition as just stated. But at this point the President of the General Council notified our secretary that he and others desired to take that matter up, and we took no further action.

We have received an unsought and unexpected request to do mission work in Guatemala with the promise of liberal help of a prominent business man there, an educated German. Work in Spanish and in German is desired. We have made earnest efforts to secure a man fitted for the work, but have not as yet succeeded. This field is so promising that we feel that it should, by all means, be cultivated. That field is a continent of vast extent and dense population marked by ignorance and irreligion. The Roman Catholic Church has made a dismal and ruinous failure in that field since the time of Columbus when the door was thrown wide open for a great and blessed work. And the people are now ready for the pure gospel; and the call of God to the mighty task is loud and solemn. The Lutheran Church has now a mission in Latin America like that which it filled so grandly 400 years ago in Europe.

The important action, authorized by the Council at its last convention, has been fully carried out. The Board is now incorporated, having received charter from Allegheny County, Pennsylvania. And this document,

By-Laws, and Rules and Regulations are printed in the minutes of the Council. And the Charter authorizes the Board "to hold and possess property," and the Council is now requested to transfer to the Board the titles to real estate, which it holds for the mission. And now a golden opportunity to do a great work for the cause of pure Christianity is offered us. The words come to us, "Behold, I set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it." And let it be our daily prayer, that God will raise up men who shall do the required work.

But, if new fields are to be cultivated the Board will need increased funds, and the request is that the apportionment to the Board for the coming biennium shall be \$50,000. It is also asked that the Sundays in the Advent season shall be named as the time for special collections for missions for Porto Rico and Latin America.

The following 12 men are nominated to serve as Trustees of the Board, the first 6 for four years, and the second 6 for two years: Edmund Belfour, D.D., 2563 East St., Pittsburgh, Pa.; Rev. Morton Parson, 506 Fourth St., Braddock, Pa.; Rev. B. F. Hankey, 576 Orchard St., Bellevue, Pa.; Rev. J. Bernhard, McKeesport, Pa.; Rev. Thurston O. Keister, D.D., The Dale, Dithridge St., Pittsburgh, Pa.; Rev. C. O. Thunburg, 256 Evaline St., Pittsburgh, Pa.; Mr. Joseph S. Seaman, 630 Clyde St., Pittsburgh, Pa.; Mr. Wm. Steinmeyer, 4736 Wellington St., Pittsburgh, Pa.; Mr. John B. Kaercher, 4742 Center Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa.; Mr. Chas W. Fuhr, care of Diamond National Bank, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Mr. John Shoemaker, Greensburg, Pa.; Mr. James Gear, 1165 Third Ave., New York City.

The Treasurer's report is herewith submitted.

EDMUND BELFOUR, *President*.

B. F. HANKEY, *Secretary*.

TREASURER'S REPORT OF THE PORTO RICO AND LATIN AMERICA BOARD

FROM JULY 1, 1915, TO JULY 1, 1917

Receipts

Balance at last report		\$8,809 41
Received for General or Maintenance Fund	\$26,440 25	
" " San Juan Building Fund	5,182 62	
" " Pastor's Movement	271 25	
" " Honor Roll	300 00	
" " Chapel Fund	39 00	
" " Dorado Chapel Fund	547 96	
" " Bayamon Chapel Fund	436 40	
" " Parsonage Fund	1,209 69	
" " Special Fund (for special objects)	1,301 27	
Total	—————	\$35,728 44

Received on Notes from the Diamond National
Bank, of Pittsburgh, Pa.:

Note dated Oct. 2, 1916	\$5,000 00	
Note dated Apr. 2, 1917	7,000 00	
Total	\$12,000 00	
Less Note paid	5,000 00	
		7,000 00
		\$51,537 85

Disbursements

Paid for Expenses of Board:

Salaries	\$1,800 00	
Miscellaneous	749 72	
		\$ 2,549 72

Paid for Expenses of Mission:

Salaries	\$16,497 28	
Miscellaneous	6,092 82	
		22,590 10

Paid from Special Fund on special contributions 1,220 60

Paid on new church at Puerta de Tierra (San
Juan) 19,083 82

			\$45,444 24
Balance on hand			6,093 61
			\$51,537 85

Balance on Hand

Balance in General or Maintenance Fund	\$5,119 86
“ “ Chapel Fund	39 00
“ “ Dorado Chapel Fund	1,017 01
“ “ Parsonage Fund	1,697 16
“ “ Special Fund	53 25

Total	\$ 7,926 28
Less loan to Building Fund	1,832 67

Balance on hand	\$ 6,093 61
Notes receivable on hand	\$ 300 00

Liabilities

Notes payable on Puerta de Tierra Church	\$ 9,200 00
Loan from Maintenance Fund to same	1,832 67
Unpaid bills on same	109 00

Total deficit	\$11,141 67
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REPORT OF OFFERINGS BY SYNODS

Synod	Apportioned	Paid on Apportionment	San Juan Building Fund	Chapel Fund
1. Min. of Pa.....	\$9,672 00	\$6,508 22	\$187 25	\$10 00
2. N. Y. Min.....	3,332 00	1,170 93	.....	.....
3. Pittsburgh.....	4,000 00	2,879 36	35 00	10 00
				*547 96
4. Dist. Ohio.....	2,668 00	1,257 04	50 00	.....
5. Augustana.....	10,000 00	10,675 75	160 57	19 00
				**436 40
6. Canada.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
7. Chicago.....	2,000 00	486 90	.....	.....
8. Northwest.....	1,668 00	1,181 29	.....	.....
9. Manitoba.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
10. Pacific.....	164 00	4 00	.....	.....
11. N. Y. and N. E.....	2,336 00	1,113 97	172 55	.....
12. Nova Scotia.....	84 00	47 55	.....	.....
13. Central Canada.....	76 00	134 55	.....	.....
Missions in P. R.....	.....	205 03	425 00	.....
Miscellaneous.....	.....	775 66	4,723 50	.....
Totals.....	\$36,000 00	\$26,440 25	\$5,753 87	\$1,023 36

Synod	Special	Parsonage	Total
1. Min. of Pa.....	\$204 71	\$10 00	\$6,920 18
2. N. Y. Min.....	.....	.....	1,170 93
3. Pittsburgh.....	.....	.....	3,472 32
4. District of Ohio.....	.....	10 00	1,317 04
5. Augustana.....	805 01	184 69	12,281 42
6. Canada.....	.....	.....	.....
7. Chicago.....	.....	.....	486 90
8. Northwest.....	.....	.....	1,181 29
9. Manitoba.....	.....	.....	.....
10. Pacific.....	.....	.....	4 00
11. N. Y. and N. E.....	171 50	5 00	1,463 02
12. Nova Scotia.....	.....	.....	47 55
13. Central Canada.....	.....	.....	134 55
Missions in P. R.....	.....	.....	630 03
Miscellaneous.....	120 05	1,000 00	6,619 21
Totals.....	\$1,301 27	\$1,209 69	\$35,728 44

*Contributed for a Chapel at Dorado.

**Contributed for the Chapel at Bayamon.

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. W. FUHR, *Treasurer.*

The undersigned have examined the books and accounts of Mr. Chas. W. Fuhr, Treasurer of the Board of Missions for Porto Rico and Latin America for the period of two years ending July 1, 1917, and find them to be correct. Proper vouchers were shown for all disbursements.

Receipts during period (ordinary)	\$34,248 72
Sale of \$2,000 bonds, Ft. Wayne & Wabash Valley Rwy.	1,479 72
	\$35,728 44
Disbursements during period	\$45,444 24
Excess disbursements	\$ 9,715 80
Cash balance. 1915	\$8,809 41
Cash balance, 1917	6,093 61
Decrease	\$2,715 80
Borrowed from bank	7,000 00
	\$ 9,715 80

W. STEINMEYER,
J. B. KAERCHER.

Pittsburgh, Oct. 19, 1917.

Miss May Mellander, missionary in San Juan, now on furlough, by request addressed the Convention.

The Board's report, with its Recommendations, was adopted as a whole.

Mr. George Hemsing presented the

REPORT OF THE STATISTICIAN AND COMMITTEE ON UNIFORM STATISTICS

The statistics for the year 1916 are: Synods, 14; conferences, 55; ministers, 1,687; congregations, 2,572; baptized members, 770,718; confirmed members 517,409; value of church property, \$33,200,869; local expenses, \$4,402,955.85; benevolences, \$877,093.94; parochial schools, 698; teachers, 919; pupils, 27,044; Sunday-schools, 2,537; officers and teachers, 32,702; pupils, 298,798; men's societies, 144; members, 6,353; women's societies, 506; members, 26,777; young people's societies, 25,419 members.

The statistics for the current year are: Synods, 14; conferences, 57; ministers, 1,680; congregations, 2,564; baptized members, 782,960; confirmed members, 524,259; value of church property, \$37,216,849; local expenses, \$4,759,252.71; benevolences, \$961,848.91; parochial schools, 586; teachers, 842; pupils, 24,312; Sunday-schools, 32,286; pupils, 291,882; men's societies, 286; members, 13,268; women's societies, 1,003; members, 45,820; young people's societies, 38,560 members. In connection with these figures, however, it should be noted that no report of societies was included in the minutes of a number of the Synods, and consequently it was impossible to furnish complete figures in this respect.

A fact worthy of special mention is the remarkable and gratifying increase in contributions for benevolences, the amount this year being \$300,000 greater than that reported in 1914, or an average annual increase of \$100,000 for each of the past three years.

Of special interest at this time are the combined statistics of General Council, General Synod and United Synod, as follows: 46 synods, 3,359 ministers, 4,902 congregations, 1,329,953 baptized members, 939,743 confirmed members, church property valued at \$65,830,033 and benevolent contributions of over \$1,805,000. Complete figures were not available at the time of this report, but a fair estimate on the basis of last year's statistics would show the proposed United Lutheran Church of America as having a communicant membership of one million, approximately two-fifths of all Lutherans in America or two-thirds as many members as those of all other Synods combined.

Regarding a Uniform Report Blank, a form was prepared in accordance with the action of the last convention (Min. 1915, page 286), but in view of the proposed merger into the United Lutheran Church of America, we would recommend that the adoption of such a blank be deferred for the time being and that if the merger is consummated, the matter be presented at its first convention, with a view to having a committee appointed to report something definite in this respect at a later date that will meet the requirements of all Synods concerned; otherwise, we would respectfully suggest that the Committee be authorized to continue its work and present a form for consideration at the next convention.

In connection with the above, we would point out that in view of the variations in the forms in present use and the consequent large amount of work involved in gathering reliable statistics, the need of a uniform report blank is very apparent. In many instances it was necessary to go through the separate conference reports to get the required information. Totals and summaries in the minutes of some Synods are woefully lacking and many of the items included in the rubrics are not reported. Therefore, to facilitate the work of the statistician in the future, we would again urge that Synods stress the importance of reporting all the different items, and that Secretaries be requested to forward promptly to the Statisticians all available facts and figures after each convention of Synod.

We would further recommend, that Secretaries co-operate with the Bureau of the Census of the Department of Commerce at Washington and furnish the statistics requested in connection with the Census of Religious Bodies now in process of compilation. In a letter to the Statistician, the Director of the Census advises that "the returns from your denomination have been most gratifying, but there are still 169 churches which have failed to send in their reports, although numerous appeals have been made to the pastors and clerks," and further, in a subsequent letter: "You are interested, I am sure, in the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of North America being fully represented

in this Census, . . . and if you cannot secure these statistics for me, your denomination, I fear, will be only partially reported."

The Census of Religious Bodies, 1906, comprised a volume of 150 pages containing much valuable data. It shows that Lutherans at that time, as regards communicant members, ranked third of the Protestant bodies, and surely we desire to be accredited to our proper place in the forthcoming report. Therefore, we would suggest that any request on the part of the Government in this respect be given special attention, as, in the words of the Director, proper representation in the report "must depend upon the hearty co-operation of the officials and ministers." The statistician will endeavor to secure the desired information of the delinquent churches, and any assistance that any of the officers of Synods may render will be appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. HEMSING,

Statistician and Chairman of Committee on Statistics.

The report was adopted as a whole.

The Rev. Dr. Offermann presented the

REPORT OF THE GERMAN HOME MISSION BOARD

The past biennium has been a continual fulfilment of the Saviour's word to St. Paul, "My strength is made perfect in weakness." Never before in the history of your Board were its limitations and insufficiency of meeting its opportunities so evident and depressing, as in the past two years, and, if nevertheless we are in a position not only to report holding our own, but even to point to territorial extension and transformation of mission fields into self-supporting parishes in several cases, we feel constrained to acknowledge the seemingly paradoxical truths: "When I am weak, then I am strong," and "I will rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me."

It cannot be denied, that the faith, hope, and charity of the Board have been severely tested, and that all its deliberations and activities have been a constant struggle with obstacles, the removal of which apparently being beyond its power, beyond human power. The war, whose clouds have overshadowed Canada, the principal field of our missionary operations, for more than three years, has created conditions, confronted the Board with perplexities, and caused situations which not only require an entire change of campaigning, but also an extraordinary amount of tact and wisdom on the part of the Board as well as of its laborers. The fact that our Mission material is German of descent, and for the time being can be reached by means of the German language only, has very naturally aroused public opinion against our work and our people, and seriously affected the progress which we were entitled to look for under normal

conditions. Although we must gratefully acknowledge, that the Canadian Government has laid no restrictions upon its loyal subjects of German descent, except those which are obviously necessary in time of war, and has in no way interfered with the exercise of their religious life and church activities, they are nevertheless made to feel that they are under the ban, existing only by the grace of the people, suspected of ulterior sympathies and aspirations, deprived of their social standing and in many cases of the opportunity of earning their means of subsistence and thereby not unfrequently in fear of identifying themselves with their German churches.

While the effects of these unhappy conditions are more or less noticeable throughout our Canadian field, they proved almost disastrous to some of our congregations in the larger cities, where the population of German extraction is comparatively small and consequently more easily yielding to the influences of an unfriendly majority. Some of them, viz. the two churches in the city of Edmonton, self-supporting and in a most promising state of healthy development for years before the war, have suffered such telling reductions in membership and ensuing decrease of financial ability, that to save their very existence they were compelled to fall back upon the assistance of the Board, and for the last two years have been the latter's most expensive wards, relying upon the Board not only for the main portion of the current expenses, but also requiring considerable amounts to secure their valuable church property. Of one of our city churches, Trinity, Saskatoon, little more than the mere name is left, while the Board had to spend several thousand dollars to save the property from slipping out of our hands. In view of the fact that Saskatoon is in the very centre of our Mission field, a city with a bright future on account of its many peculiar attractions, and at the same time the seat of our College, our Board felt justified in sparing no efforts and financial sacrifices, in order to hold the field. To reduce expenses, our missionary was withdrawn from Saskatoon about a year ago and the director of the College, the Rev. J. Goos, has since ministered to the small band of faithful ones without financial reward.

It seems almost miraculous, that in spite of the fact that our total receipts were but little more than 50 percent of our apportionment, the Board was able, not only to carry the extra burden, which was involved in its efforts to help the three mentioned city churches through their crisis, but also to increase the salaries of some of the missionaries as well as the apportionment to the College at Saskatoon. The average salary of our brethren is \$600. The cost of living is just as high in the West as in the East. The work is hard and trying. Holidays are out of the question. Most of our laborers have not only to support a family, but to keep a horse and buggy in addition. They are not complaining, but most of them find it hard, some impossible, to make ends meet with \$600 pro anno. The increase granted in some cases is no charity, but solemn duty. It must and will be followed up, till every one of our missionaries is re-

ceiving his due. The beggarly pay of our men in the past has been responsible for many of the perplexing situations. we have had to struggle with. These men, who do the pioneer work for the Church, must not be treated as second-class pastors, while they are rendering first-class service.

The appropriation for the College at Saskatoon was raised from \$1,000 to \$1,200 annually and must be further increased, if the heroic efforts, which in the past have been spent for the advancement of this institution of learning, are to bear fruit. The absolute necessity of this school, which is expected eventually to develop into a Seminary cannot be questioned by any one who knows the conditions and requirements of our Mission field. To expect the Manitoba Synod. 75 percent of the congregations of which are dependent upon the Mission Board, to support it without outside aid, is preposterous. In every sense of the word the college is a Mission institution, doing missionary work for the General Council, and for the time being depending upon the Mission Board of the General Council for its support. Had it been established ten years ago, it would be an inestimable blessing for our work today. The greatest obstacle in the way of healthy development of our activities would be removed: the ever recurring and ever more perplexing question, whence to take the laborers for our harvest? The General Council has no institution to supply them. The doors of Kropp, for many years our only reliable source, are closed to us and most likely will remain permanently closed to the Canadian field. We are unable to fill our vacancies, we dare not think of aggressive work, of occupying new territory, we cannot meet our opportunities, we have no men, and, if the Lord of the harvest does not open new doors to us, we are at a loss to see how we can carry on our work and hold our field much longer. The situation has become even more critical, since the American and Canadian Governments have recently enacted a law prohibiting any person born in Germany and Austria to enter their respective countries, no matter whether they are naturalized citizens of their country or not. This would bar all but born American or Canadian citizens from our Canadian Mission field, and since experience has taught us many a time, that Americans, born in America, trained in American Seminaries, are out of the question for our German Home Mission field in Canada; we must have Canadians or none at all. It will take many years before the Saskatoon institution will be in position to supply the want. There is only one institution on Canadian soil which meets the requirements, the Seminary at Waterloo, Ont. Why could not the General Council subsidize this institution, and enter into an agreement with it, just as well as with Kropp, whose services to the General Council seem to have come to a termination—they certainly have come to an end as far as the Canadian Mission field is concerned. It was considered to be a case of emergency, when the General Council agreed to grant Kropp a fixed annual financial assistance. The emergency appears to be even more urgent now in view of the utter impossibility of continuing our work without the proper resources. The Canadian field has been

operated by the General Council for thirty years. Several hundred thousand dollars have been sacrificed. The results have been quite gratifying, considering the peculiar difficulties which have unceasingly handicapped us. The prospects for the future are as bright as ever. The financial question would be no obstacle in the way of seizing upon these prospects. The threatening crisis is our lack of laborers. If no solution is found, it is liable to become disastrous. The Waterloo Seminary offers a natural, the only solution.

The lack of men very obviously exercises a regrettable effect upon the stability of our missionaries. Every vacancy in the field causes a number of others. Being unable to send new men into the field, we are compelled to provide for the more important districts by depriving some other one of its incumbent. To fill a vacancy we must create a new one, and the enormous distances, which in most cases separate our missions and their pastors, make even the most insufficient temporary supply with the means of Grace exceedingly difficult. In view of all these limitations of our powers, it seems almost miraculous that we have suffered no losses during the past biennium. We cannot help but recognize the Lord's protecting hand stretched out over our work and field and the fulfilment of His glorious promise to be with us and bless every honest effort and faithful stewardship.

A good deal of praise for untiring services to our vacant districts and for a wise and tactful adjustment in connection with the placing and replacing of missionaries is due to our Superintendent, Rev. H. Becker. Wherever service of any kind, be it on the pulpit or in the council chamber or congregational meeting, is needed, he is sure to be at hand, no matter whether a 1,000 mile railroad trip is involved. And the fact that he is equally well liked by pastors and people seems to be the secret of his successful administration. During his three years of service in the office as superintendent, he has proved to be a blessing both to the Board and to the Mission field. His residence is 349 Boyd Ave., Winnipeg, Man.

Equally productive of blessed results for the work of your Board were the services of our General Secretary, the Rev. Paul Ludwig. Due to his activities, scores of congregations, formerly cold or indifferent in their attitude towards German Home Mission work, are now among the regular supporters. It was chiefly the churches of the Pennsylvania and the New York Ministeriums, that have been reached by the lectures of Pastor Ludwig, and whose active interest in our work has been enlisted. A very great amount of knowledge has been disseminated by him during the past biennium, and the increased financial aid we have received from the Synods is undoubtedly traceable to his efforts. A second recognition tour through the Canadian field during the months of June, July, and August has greatly enlarged and enriched the General Secretary's survey of the field, its needs and opportunities, and made his advice and counsel even more valuable for the Board. His personal contact with almost everyone of our congregations and preaching stations greatly facilitates

judicious acting and planning on the part of the Board. Thanks to the courtesy of the railroad officials he was able to extend his recent trip to the farthest West, the newly-opened Prince George District of British Columbia, whose fertile soil and most agreeable climate will doubtlessly attract a great influx of settlers in the near future from the other western provinces and the United States. A number of Lutheran families were already located by the Rev. Ludwig, and it would be by no means an unwise act to inaugurate pioneer work by stationing a missionary in Prince George right now. It might mean the investing of \$800 to \$1,000 annually for a number of years, but in this case the end would unquestionably justify the means. If we only had the proper man, we could take care of the financial question alright. As it is, we fear the field may be entered by others.

During the past biennium your Board had 21 Missions under its care, four of which are situated in the Pacific States of Washington and Oregon, and are connected with the Pacific Synod. Whereas the English language is more or less predominant in all churches connected with these missions, the question, whether their transfer to the care of the English Home Mission Board would not be advisable, may have to be settled by your Board in the near future. All the other 17 Missions are situated in Western Canada; 4, consisting of 8 congregations, in the Province of Manitoba, one of them being vacant; 7, consisting of 12 congregations, in the Province of Saskatchewan, one being vacant; 6, consisting of 9 congregations, in the Province of Alberta. In addition, 4 preaching stations, scattered over a vast territory, are under our care and served with Word and Sacrament as frequently and regularly as conditions permit. Altogether our Canadian congregations and preaching places number 30, scattered over a territory which in its East-to-West extension covers a distance of 2,000 miles. One of our Saskatchewan Missions, the Luseland District, was considerably strengthened by the addition of a congregation, previously connected with and served by the General Synod. The transfer was effected on the basis of a mutually satisfactory agreement between the two Boards. Fortunately the General Synod man, who so far had had charge of the Mission in question, came over to us also, thus augmenting our weak forces. Likewise do we gratefully acknowledge the receipt of one very desirable laborer from the ranks of the Joint Synod of Ohio, the Rev. Raschke, at the present time serving our Wetaskiwin Mission. It may be stated here, that generally the relations between the representatives of the different Lutheran bodies, which do missionary work on the Canadian field, seem to be of a much more friendly nature than in past years. Synodical strife and rivalry have yielded to a more brotherly and Christian spirit.

Just at this writing your Board is taking the final steps towards extending its operations to a new, distant field. Upon the repeated urgent request by the President of the Texas Synod, the Rev. Wolfsdorf, of Yoakum, Tex., to assist them in the developing of their Home Mission

field, the Board has felt constrained to heed the call, and Rev. P. Kummer will leave for Yoakum the first week of October, and after consulting with the president of the Texas Synod, start active work under the latter's direction.

The Board has honestly and faithfully tried to discharge its often very arduous and perplexing duties to the best of its ability and to the credit of the Church. Most of its members attended the quarterly meetings with laudable regularity, and having acquired a fair idea of the field and its needs, are capable of serving the Church as wise and judicious administrators. They are conscious of the trust the Church has imposed upon them and eager to show themselves equal to and worthy of it. The oldest member of the Board, the Rev. Dr. Kuendig, of Reading, Pa., was called from active work to his rest a few months ago. The infirmities of old age had for years kept him away from the Board meetings. He had served in the German Home Mission Board longer than any of its present members—if we are not mistaken, ever since the Board was created. His services to the cause will remain unforgotten. His name is indelibly connected with the history of the Board and its work. His memory will be held in honor by all, who have had the privilege of knowing him and working side by side with him. *Requiescat in pace et eterna lux luceat ei!*

In conclusion we thank God for His lovingkindness in blessing our feeble efforts in His service, in permitting us to see many a fruit of our sowing and tilling the soil of His harvest field, in teaching us many a lesson of patience, endurance and perseverance, in giving us an enlarged vision of our opportunities and responsibilities as His servants. And we pray Him for a larger portion of the gift of His Holy Spirit, thereby to fit us ever more diligently and wisely and faithfully to discharge His commission: "My son, go and work this day in my vineyard."

RECOMMENDATIONS

In view of the many peculiar difficulties confronting the German Home Mission Board in its efforts of successfully carrying on the work it is entrusted with by the General Council, and especially in view of the most critical situation the Board has to face in consequence of conditions created by the war, be it

Resolved, 1. That the German Home Mission work be most warmly recommended, and its liberal support by every Synod earnestly urged.

2. That, as in the past biennium, the sum of \$30,000 pro anno be granted to the German Home Mission Board.

E. HOFFMANN,

President of German Home Mission Board.

Treasurer's Report of the Board of German Home Missions

August 1, 1915, to August 1, 1917

I. MISSION ACCOUNT

Receipts

Balance in Treasury, Aug. 1, 1915	\$ 2,370 75
Ministerium of Pennsylvania	\$ 14,531 18
Ministerium of New York	6,127 92
Pittsburgh Synod	3,538 84
Canada Synod	1,215 23
District Synod of Ohio	322 69
Northwest Synod	192 54
Texas Synod	134 10
New York and New England Synod	109 01
Pacific Synod	30 00
Rev. H. Becker, Supt., Collections (Mission Con- gregations)	645 75
Rev. Paul Ludwig, Gen. Sec., Collections	260 33
Other Contributions	682 50
Interest from Bank	80 44
	\$ 27,870 53

Total\$ 30,241 28

Disbursements

Missionaries' Salaries in Canada	\$ 9,227 58
Missionaries' Salaries in Oregon	1,467 00
Missionaries' Salaries in Washington	500 00
Salary of General Secretary	2,700 30
Salary of Missionary Superintendent	2,437 50
Official and Traveling Expenses	1,202 86
Special Appropriations to Missionaries	560 00
Manitoba Synod for College Professorship	2,100 00
College Contributions received and forwarded	359 97
Other contributions for special objects forwarded..	47 00
Lantern Slides and apparatus	89 10
Transferred to Building Fund for Trinity, Saskatoon	150 00
Loan to Building Fund	5,079 13
Printing	6 75
Total	\$ 25,927 19

Balance in Mission Account, Aug. 1, 1917\$ 4,314 09

II. CHURCH BUILDING FUND

Receipts

Repayment of Loans	\$ 292 10
Donations	96 16

Transferred from Mission Account for Trinity, Sas-	
katoon	150 00
Loan from Mission Account	5,079 13
Loans from Bank	3,000 00
Loan on Note	250 00
Total	\$ 8,867 39

Disbursements

Deficit in Treasury, Aug. 1, 1915	\$ 1,906 16
Repayment of Notes	\$ 3,000 00
Interest on Notes	61 23
Loan to St. John's, Edmonton	1,000 00
Loan to Trinity, Saskatoon	2,000 00
Loan to St. John's Hart's Hill	900 00
	\$ 6,961 23
Total	\$8,867 39

Assets

Outstanding Loans to seven congregations and the College...	\$ 7,375 00
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Liabilities

Amount of Deficit, loaned from Mission Account	\$ 5,079 13
Note of member of Board	250 00
	\$ 5,329 13

III. SILOAH ACCOUNT

Receipts

Balance in Treasury, Aug. 1, 1915	\$ 7 19
Subscriptions	1,246 20
Total	\$ 1,253 39

Disbursements

Printing and Mailing 24 issues	\$ 1,059 00
Eleven Half-tones	26 26
Printing and mailing bills	20 34
Total	\$ 1,105 60
Balance in Treasury of Siloah Account, Aug. 1, 1917.....	147 79
Total	\$ 1,253 39

Respectfully submitted,

H. D. E. SIEBOTT, *Treasurer.*

Philadelphia, August 1, 1917.

The undersigned, having examined the books and vouchers of the Treasurer of the Board of German Home Missions of the General Coun-

cil of the Ev. Lutheran Church in North America, found the same correct, and in accordance with the above report.

ADOLF HELLWEGE, *Auditor*.

Philadelphia, August 18, 1917.

Report of Treasurer of Kropp Commission

August 1, 1915, to Aug. 1, 1917

Receipts

Balance in Treasury, Aug. 1, 1915	\$ 132 27
Treasurer of Ministerium of Pennsylvania	\$ 2,452 90
Treasurer of Ministerium of New York	1,574 20
Treasurer of Pittsburgh Synod	430 35
Treasurer of New York and New England Synod..	63
Other Contributions	122 63
Loan from Mr. Peter Woll	2,500 00
Interest from Bank	7 01
	\$ 7,087 72
Total	\$ 7,219 99

Disbursements

To Rev. H. Ketels, Treasurer of Kropp Seminary ..	\$ 3,985 00
To Rev. Prof. Dr. Theo. Benze	404 00
Repayment of loan to Mr. Peter Woll	2,500 00
Total	\$ 6,889 00
Balance in Treasury, August 1, 1917	330 99
Total	\$ 7,219 99

Respectfully submitted,

ADOLF HELLWEGE, *Treasurer*.

Philadelphia, Aug. 1, 1917.

The undersigned, having examined the books and vouchers of the Treasurer of the Kropp Commission of the General Council of the Ev. Lutheran Church in North America, found the same correct and in accordance with the above report.

H. D. E. SIEBOTT, *Auditor*.

Philadelphia, Aug. 16, 1917.

The report, with its Recommendations, was adopted as a whole.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF IMMIGRANT MISSIONS

The Board of Immigrant Missions begs to report that the plans as outlined at the last meeting of the General Council could not be carried out on account of the war. One meeting has been held during the past biennium, at which the following officers were elected: President, Rev. George C. F. Haas, D.D.; Secretary, Rev. Allen L. Benner; Treasurer, Mr. Martin Wulff.

It is the earnest desire of the Board to carry out the proposed plans of securing oversight of Lutheran Immigrants in all the leading ports of North America, as soon as the peace for which we all pray will make it possible. In spite of the fact that immigration has dropped to negligible proportions, the following report of the Lutheran Emigrant House Association at the port of New York shows that all the service possible is being rendered to those who need help.

REPORT OF THE LUTHERAN EMIGRANTS' HOUSE ASSOCIATION TO THE GENERAL COUNCIL, OCTOBER, 1917

Our last yearly report, the fortieth and forty-first, was issued in October, 1914, when the Rev. F. O. Evers resigned his position as missionary to accept a call to Zion's Church in Philadelphia. Since then the work of our mission has been conducted under the supervision of our president, Mr. Martin Wulff, and our vice-president, the Rev. George C. F. Haas, D.D.

Immigration from Germany directly was impossible on account of the war,—nevertheless until very recently many German women and children arrived in New York on every neutral ship, especially of the Holland and Scandinavian Line. The relatives of these immigrants, husbands, fathers, mothers, etc., had arrived in this country before the war. In most cases these people would be in absolute ignorance of the arrival of their families, and we had great difficulty in locating them, as the immigrants had to give up all their papers when they left Germany, and so had to rely on their memories for their American addresses. However, we were able in each case, sometimes after days of continuous search, to finally unite the weary travelers with their friends.

During their stay in New York we brought them to the Swedish or Norwegian Emigrant Home, where they always received the most cordial treatment. Also passengers who were on their way home to Germany, and whom we sold steamship tickets and travelers' checks, stayed at the aforesaid homes.

It is impossible to give the exact number of people whom we received at the docks and railroad stations and assisted to their final destinations, as we are only allowed to keep a record of those whose arrival has been previously announced to us. Officially we have 484 such cases on record, but since it has been the rule of our mission to help wherever help is needed, that number does not cover the actual number of cases by one-fourth.

In April, 1917, Ellis Island was converted into a concentration camp, and at a meeting of all the missionaries, called by the commissioner, the Hon. Fred C. Howe, we were informed that all passes had been recalled, and that in the future only six missionaries would be allowed to visit the Island once a week. We have no doubt, however, that in very urgent cases our representative would be granted access to Ellis Island by the authorities.

The correspondence of our mission has always been a very extended and many-sided one. It ranges now, that the ticket business is at its lowest ebb, from inquiries about American citizenship, passports to Russia, etc., down to maid-of-all work. Until the declaration of war our office was a kind of clearing-house for mail from Germany to the enemy countries, and, thanks to the kindness of the American officials in Japan, Capetown and other places, we were able to send hundreds of prisoners the first news from home, and so bring them into regular contact with their loved ones. We have also sent material help to prisoners of war all over the globe, consisting of money, or what is to them much more desirable, clothing and tobacco.

We also have to care for many poor immigrants and, with the winter approaching, and our Poor Fund nearly exhausted, we are afraid that the work of our mission will be greatly impaired unless we get more donations from congregations than we did last year.

We would earnestly suggest that our work be recommended to the General Council and that the necessity of assisting us financially be urged upon the various members of that body.

It is only fair in closing this report, to pay tribute to Mr. Wulff and Dr. Haas for their constant and unremitting efforts in behalf of our mission during these three years. We look into the future with the prayer that the blessing of God may be upon them and our work, as it has been in the past.

HEDWIG G. EVERS, *Ex. Sec'y.*

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE C. F. HAAS, *President,*

ALLEN L. BENNER, *Secretary.*

Report adopted.

On motion of Mr. Schimmelfeng, it was

Resolved, That on the first Sunday in December, 1917, an offering be taken in all General Council Churches and sent to the Treasurer of the General Council to defray the \$3,000 deficit of the Quadri-Centennial Committee.

The Rev. Charles L. Warstler, President of the Chicago Synod, temporarily occupied the chair.

Mr. W. H. Stackel presented the action of the Laymen's Meeting held during the Convention:

REPORT ON THE LAYMEN'S MEETING

At a meeting held by the Laymen in attendance on this Convention the following resolutions were adopted for presentation to the General Council:

Resolved 1, That it is the sense of this meeting that a session should be given over to the Laymen at each Convention of the General Council.

2. That we request the General Council to appoint a committee of laymen to co-operate with similar committees of the General Synod and the United Synod in the South to organize the laymen of our General Council, that in co-operation with the laymen of the other General Bodies we may be prepared for more effective work in the Lutheran Church.

3. That we request the General Council to allot a time during this Convention for a meeting of the lay delegates.

The first and second Resolutions were referred to the new Committee on Ways and Means of the United Church; the third was defeated.

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY REQUESTS

The presence of Miss Mary Miller and Mrs. Adolph Woll, a committee from the Women's Missionary Society of the General Council, now in session at St. John's Church, was announced. They were welcomed and then presented the request of their organization, as follows:

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL

ON THURSDAY AFTERNOON, OCT. 25, 1917.

WHEREAS, The Women's Missionary Society of the General Council has for many years labored faithfully to aid in the work of the various Mission Boards, and has demonstrated the necessity of close co-operation between the Boards and this Society, and

WHEREAS, Its helpfulness has, at times, been much hampered through lack of full information and close touch with the needs and operations of the various fields,

THEREFORE, In order to increase its usefulness and helpfulness, be it

Resolved, That we respectfully request the General Council to permit our Society to make nominations of its members for presentation to the delegates of the General Council for election to full and voting membership on the various mission boards, and

Be it Resolved, That this Society also respectfully request the General Council to recommend to the United Lutheran Church of America, that the same privilege be accorded to the United Women's Missionary Societies, when the Women's Missionary Societies of the various General Bodies merging into the United Lutheran Church shall be organized.

MRS. WALTER C. WEIER, *Rec. Secretary*.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the request of the Women's Missionary Society be received for consideration, and that the action taken on Part II of the President's Report bearing on this point be read.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Kunzmann, it was

Resolved, That the request be granted, if it can be legally done.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Roth, it was

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to ascertain the legality of the measure.

Committee: Hon. H. J. Steele, Judge A. Reiber, C. F. Sprague, Esq., the Rev. Drs. G. F. Gehr, F. A. Kaehler, H. A. Weller and Rev. A. Appell.

On motion of Mr. James Gear, it was

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to present the action of the General Council to the Women's Convention.

Committee: The Rev. Dr. F. F. Fry, Mr. F. P. D. Miller, and the Rev. Dr. A. B. MacIntosh.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Offermann, it was

Resolved, That this Body, through its President, present to Zion's German Evangelical Lutheran Church, on Franklin Square, our greetings and congratulations on Sunday morning next at the One Hundred and Seventy-Fifth Anniversary of Muhlenbeg's Arrival in America.

The Committees appointed to nominate the Boards and Committees respectively reported their nominations, and the election was set for Monday at 5 P. M.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That a telegram of congratulation be sent to the venerable Rev. William Gerhardt, D.D., of Martinsburg, W. Va., who by the grace of God on next Sunday will celebrate his one hundredth birthday.*

*Dr. Gerhardt fell asleep in Jesus, on December 7, 1917, at his home.

After prayer by the Rev. William M. Horn, of New York, the Convention adjourned.

MONDAY MORNING SESSION

Monday, October 29, 9 A. M.

The Seventh Session was opened with devotional service conducted by Chaplain Edward F. Keever, D.D. The hymn, "The Church's One Foundation," was sung.

Various additions were made to the Budget Committee's report, which see in the Friday Morning Session. The Finance and Budget Committee's report was adopted as a whole.

The Rev. Dr. Spaeth presented the

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL

The Board of Education of the General Council met for its organization immediately after the last meeting of the General Council at Rock Island. It elected as officers for the biennium: President, Dr. Haas; Vice President, Dr. Kaehler; Recording Secretary, Dr. Spaeth; Corresponding Secretary, Dr. Pfatteicher, and Treasurer, Dr. Jacobson. A conference was held, at which the following subjects were discussed:

"The Advantages and Disadvantages of Student Preaching," Dean Jacobs (Mt. Airy).

"Elective Courses in the Seminary," President Laury (Waterloo, Canada).

"Methods of Theological Instruction," Prof. Soedergren (Augustana).

"How May a State University be of Service to a Theological Seminary," President Frederick (Seattle).

"Preaching," Prof. Gerberding (Maywood).

"The Grouping of Subjects in Departments," Prof. Offermann (Mt. Airy).

Owing to the absence of Dean Jacobs his paper was not read. But there was a very thorough discussion of the subject assigned to him, which brought to light the fact that, while the Seminary at Mt. Airy laid large restrictions on Student Preaching, it was favored and encouraged at Maywood, and permitted as a matter of necessity at Rock Island.

President Laury, though present, was not prepared with a paper on the subject assigned to him, and the subject was not discussed at length.

The representatives to whom the remaining subjects had been assigned presented very interesting and suggestive papers. Owing to the lateness of the hour, discussion had to be curtailed, but the great value of the conference was acknowledged by all who were present, and the Board was

requested to arrange for a similar meeting for the discussion of the problems confronting our theological seminaries. It was suggested that at this conference an effort be made to secure the presence of representatives from theological seminaries of Lutheran bodies not connected with the General Council.

A second meeting was held on September 5, 1916, at Thiel College. At this meeting Dr. A. Steimle was elected Corresponding Secretary in place of Dr. Pfatteicher, who had resigned. The Rev. Dr. Elson, President of Thiel College, was accorded the privilege of the floor.

The first subject discussed was the problem of merging the Board of Education and the Committee on Religious Work in Universities and Colleges. After thorough discussion the Board, in accordance with the resolution of the General Council proposed the following basis for an agreement with the Committee on Religious Work in Universities and Colleges:

"1. That the said Board and the said Committee be merged under the name 'The Board of Education of the General Council.'

"2. That the purpose of this consolidation is:

"i. To extend the work of the present Committee on Religious Work in Universities and Colleges, and give that work equal standing in the General Council with the work of the Mission Boards.

"ii. The unification of the educational interests of the General Council in such a way that the contact of the General Council with educational institutions of higher and lower grade shall be through a single agency.

"3. That the Board first elected under the merger shall consist of nine members chosen from the present Board of Education and seven members chosen from the present Committee on Religious Work in Universities and Colleges.

"4. In order to effect the proposed merger all the members of the present Board and present Committee shall resign their positions in the Board and the Committee."

These propositions were submitted to the Committee on Religious Work in Universities and Colleges, but were not received favorably by them, and, therefore, no further action was possible.

At this same meeting at Thiel College President Krauss, of Chicago Theological Seminary, read a paper on "The Curricula of Non-Lutheran Theological Seminaries," which was fully discussed.

The Board was also addressed by Dr. Watson Cooper, at that time General Secretary for the nation-wide campaign for Christian colleges. In order to aid in this work and to have a share in its benefits, the Board resolved to contribute \$250.00, and sent a representative in the Corresponding Secretary to the convention held in January, 1917, at Chicago.

Drs. Haas and Steimle were appointed a committee to procure, prepare and distribute literature on vital subjects emphasizing Christian education. The Committee has received one paper prepared by Dr. Gerberding, but there was no response nor willingness on the part of a number of the

leaders of the Church, who have been asked to write short pamphlets, to aid in this work. It was, therefore, temporarily abandoned.

In view of the possible merging of the General Council with the General Synod and the United Synod South into the United Lutheran Church, the Board recommends that the Council empower the Board to call a meeting of the various Boards doing educational work in the General Council, General Synod and the United Synod South, in order to see what unification of our educational work is possible without disturbing the present relations and affiliations of our colleges and seminaries.

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF GENERAL COUNCIL.

TREASURER'S REPORT

For the last Biennial, October 1, 1915, to October 1, 1917:

Receipts

From former Treasurer	\$	13	02	
From Treasurer of General Council.....		850	46	
				\$ 863 48

Disbursements

Traveling Expenses to Meetings of Executive Committee	\$	15	75	
Traveling Expenses to Board Meetings.....		345	64	
Traveling Expenses, etc., to Meeting Council Church Boards of Education		60	00	
Nation-wide Campaign for Christian Colleges.....		250	00	
Minutes Council Church Boards of Education.....		7	39	
Postage, Express, etc.		4	52	
				683 10
Cash on hand				180 38
				\$ 863 48

F. JACOBSON,

Treasurer Board of Education of the General Council.

The report, with its closing recommendation, was adopted.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the merging of the Board of Education and Committee on Religious Work in Universities be postponed.

The Rev. Dr. McLaughlin presented the following communication from the Pittsburgh Synod touching Weekday Religious Instruction:

WHEREAS, The General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America, in its Convention at Lancaster, Pa., in 1911, acting on that portion of the President's report which referred to an action taken by the Augustana Synod in 1910, regarding the necessity of "a half-day each week for the religious instruction of the young by the respective

religious bodies," affirmed its conviction that the State should allow ample provision to be made for full religious instruction under such Church direction; and,

WHEREAS, The General Council has re-affirmed the same conviction in 1913 (Toledo) and in 1915 (Rock Island); and,

WHEREAS, The Pittsburgh Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church at its 75th Convention held in Greensburg, Pa., June 7-11, 1917, took similar action, as follows:

"Whereas it appears that the moral tone of the youth of our nation is on the decline, and whereas it is evident that the religious instruction of the Church in all its organizations fails to reach a large part of the youth of the nation, therefore be it resolved:

"1. That the Pittsburgh Conference of the Pittsburgh Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church request the Synod to consider the problem of providing adequate religious and moral education for the youth of our nation.

"2. That the Synod bring the definite result of this action before the General Council at its next meeting by a committee herewith appointed with the view of securing the co-operation of not only that body, but of all organizations which believe that the nation which 'forgets God, that nation will God destroy.'

"3. That this action is taken, not in the interest of any individual church, but in the interest of all peoples who believe in God, and in Jesus Christ Whom He hath sent. Adopted as action of Synod."

THEREFORE, This Committee, having been duly appointed by the Pittsburgh Synod, would again bring this whole matter to the attention of the General Council, and respectfully submit the following resolutions:

1. That the Board of Education be instructed to appoint a Special Commission from its body, to make a careful survey of this whole subject, seek the co-operation of other Lutheran bodies, ascertain the merits or demerits of such plans for "week-day religious instruction," as are in operation, and report at the next convention of the General Council.

2. That said Commission be further instructed to conduct a campaign of information and publicity, through Synodical, Conferential, and Missionary conventions, and the Church Papers, calling attention wherever opportunity presents to the importance and need of such religious education in the public schools.

3. That this Commission be made sufficiently permanent, so as to bring into effect, whenever it becomes probable and feasible, the consummation of such plans for week-day religious instruction, as may be found advisable.

Respectfully submitted by the Special Committee of the Pittsburgh Synod, and herewith subscribed,

CHARLES P. MACLAUGHLIN,
G. L. RANKIN,
IRA M. WALLACE.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That this paper be referred to the Board of Education.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Weller, it was

Resolved, That the Ways and Means Committee be increased to eight, and that the President of the Council be asked to act as its chairman.

The Rev. Dr. Reed presented the

REPORT OF CHURCH BOOK COMMITTEE

The Church Book Committee would respectfully report, that it has been most actively engaged during the biennium in co-operation with the other Committees in the Joint Committee in completing the Common Service Book with Hymnal and in carrying the Book through the press.

THE LITURGY AND HYMNAL

The principal items determined were the following:

The omission of certain hymns from the collection and the substitution of a few others, resulting in a reduction of forty-four hymns. The Hymnal now includes 588 hymns.

In the Liturgy a number of additional Proper Introits, Collects, and Lessons were chosen in order to complete the appointments for certain days in the Calendar. A new Proper Preface for Epiphany was also adopted.

Ten new Collects for Missions, Our Nation, The Hallowing of the Lord's Day, etc., were adopted, and the collection of Collects and Prayers was entirely rearranged. The Collect terminations throughout the Book were also carefully revised and harmonized.

The Litany, the Morning Suffrages, and the Evening Suffrages have been so arranged that, with the addition of Hymns, Lessons, etc., they may be used as brief Services.

A Committee on Rubrics was constituted, consisting of the Rev. Paul Z. Strodach, *Chairman*, and Drs. C. M. Jacobs and L. D. Reed, to whom was committed the harmonization of all rubrics, headings, etc., the drafting of a body of General Rubrics, and many other details involved in the preparation of copy for the printer.

The Selection of Psalms was considerably modified, and upon the principle of the primary importance of their devotional value and use, certain Psalms and parts of Psalms were omitted and other Psalms and portions of Psalms were inserted. A Table of Proper Psalms was also adopted.

A new arrangement of the History of the Passion was adopted.

The Table of Daily Lessons was revised, and the Hannover, Thomasius, and Eisenach Series were inserted as additional Lessons for use at Matins and Vespers.

The Small Catechism, without historical introduction, and in the translation at present in the Church Book, was ordered inserted in the text editions of the Book.

A brief Preface was adopted.

The Committee also resolved to prepare a collection of additional Collects and Prayers for separate and later publication.

THE OCCASIONAL SERVICES

One of the most important results of the Committee's work is the final adoption of common forms for "The Occasional Services," including complete Orders for Baptism, Confirmation, Public Confession, Private Confession and Absolution, Communion of the Sick, Lessons and Prayers for the Sick, Commendation of the Dying, Burial, Marriage, Ordination, Installation of Pastors, Cornerstone Laying, Church Dedication, Opening and Closing of Synods, and Installation of Church Councils.

Inasmuch as each of the three General Bodies at present has its own collection of forms for all these Orders, the final and harmonious agreement upon common forms, complete in every detail, is most gratifying, and the Committee believes that the Church will welcome this substantial addition to the Common Service.

The accomplishment of this task was only made possible by the labors of the Chairman of the Church Book Committee, Dr. H. E. Jacobs, who at the request of the Joint Committee, undertook the study of sources and the preparation of complete reports which served as a basis for committee work upon all these Orders, except the Communion of the Sick and Lessons and Prayers for the Sick, which were outlined by a separate Committee. Upon the conclusion of this part of its work the Joint Committee by a rising vote expressed its sincere appreciation of "the unparalleled contribution of labor and learning made by Dr. Jacobs in his investigations and preparation of material."

It is not possible to record the details involved in the adoption of these Orders, but an exception probably should be made in the case of the Order for Baptism of Infants. The text finally adopted is as follows:

¶ *Then shall the Minister say to those who present the Child:*

SINCE in Christian love you present *this Child* for Holy Baptism, I ask you:

Do you renounce the devil, and all his works, and all his ways?

Answer: I do.

¶ *Then shall the Minister say:*

Let us all confess the Faith into which we have been baptized, and into which *this Child* is now to be baptized.

¶ *Then shall all say the Apostles' Creed.*

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius

Pilate, Was crucified, dead and buried; He descended into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the Holy Christian Church, the Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body; And the Life everlasting. Amen.

¶ *Then addressing those who present the Child, the Minister shall say:*

Do you present *this child* to be baptized into this Christian Faith?

Answer: I do.

Do you promise to instruct *him* in the Word of God, and to bring *him* up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

Answer: I do.

¶ *Then shall the Minister say:*

Baptism is not simply water, but it is the water comprehended in God's command, and connected with God's Word.

¶ *The Minister may now ask: How shall this Child be named? and shall then baptize him by applying the water three times as he pronounces the three Holy Names, saying:*

N., I BAPTIZE thee in the Name of the Father,—and of the Son,—and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

¶ *Then laying his right hand upon the head of the Child, he shall say:*

ALMIGHTY God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who hath begotten thee again of water and the Holy Ghost, and hath forgiven thee all thy sin, strengthen thee with His grace unto life everlasting. Amen.

Peace be with thee.

Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY and Most Merciful God and Father: We thank Thee that Thou dost graciously preserve and extend Thy Church, etc.

The following is to be inserted in the rubrics preceding the text of the Order.

¶ *In place of the questions (Page) the following form, which is of ancient origin and wide usage in the Church, may be used.*

SINCE in Christian love you present *this Child* for Holy Baptism, I call upon you to answer in *his* stead.

Dost thou renounce the devil, and all his works, and all his ways?

Answer: I do.

Dost thou believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth? And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; Who was con-

ceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead and buried; Descended into hell; The third day rose again from the dead; Ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; Whence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead? And in the Holy Ghost; The Holy Christian Church, the Communion of Saints; the Forgiveness of sins; the Resurrection of the Body; and the Life Everlasting?

Answer: I believe.

Dost thou desire to be baptized in this Christian faith?

Answer: I do.

¶ *The Baptism shall then proceed according to the Order.*

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

The request of the General Council that a terse title for the Book be chosen was considered, and the following finally adopted: COMMON SERVICE BOOK OF THE LUTHERAN CHURCH WITH HYMNAL.

Advance proof pages of the Liturgy were furnished the Foreign Mission Board and the Porto Rico Mission Board of the General Council, upon their request, for translation into Japanese and Spanish.

The Editorial Committee appointed by the Joint Committee was authorized by the latter to prepare copy, determining the style and make-up of all editions, and assume final responsibility for carrying the work to the point of completion of key-plates for all editions, these key-plates to be held as the common property of the three Bodies, and for the making of printing plates. The Publication Boards of the three bodies co-operated in this work, specimen pages and specifications for the text and music composition being adopted as prepared by the Committee. Specially designed pages for the music edition were drawn by the Rev. P. Z. Strodach.

The music edition went to press early in August, and it is hoped that bound copies may be delivered by the time the General Council meets. Copy for the text editions, in two sizes, is also in the hands of the printer, and these editions should be on sale within a few months.

A JOINT RESOLUTION

The following resolution, prepared by the Joint Committee, was submitted to the General Synod and the United Synod in the South and adopted by them, and is now presented to the General Council with the request that it be adopted:

“Deeply impressed with the necessity of guarding the future integrity of the Common Service Book of the Lutheran Church, about to be published, the Joint Common Service Committee earnestly recommends to each of the three General Bodies represented in the Committee the adoption of the following or its equivalent:

WHEREAS, It is most important that the three General Bodies which have co-operated in the preparation of the Common Service Book of the Lutheran Church should also unite in guarding the integrity of the Book

in all future editions, in order to carry out the purpose to secure for our churches a true Common Service Book; therefore,

Resolved, That this Body agrees not to issue, or authorize the issue of any edition of the said Common Service Book which shall depart in any particular from the original first edition in content, or in general style and make-up, without the consent of all three of the co-operating General Bodies, or their official representatives."

THE SERVICE BOOK FOR ARMY AND NAVY

Upon request of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania, the Pittsburgh Synod, and the Synod of New York and New England, with the approval of the General Synod and the Executive Committee of the General Council and the United Synod in the South, the Joint Committee authorized the appointment by its Chairman of a sub-committee to prepare a "Service Book for Use in the Army and Navy." This Committee, consisting of the Rev. Drs. H. E. Jacobs, T. E. Schmauk, C. M. Jacobs, A. L. Steimle, L. D. Reed (*Chairman*), E. F. Keever, J. A. Singmaster, D. H. Bauslin, F. H. Knubel, M. G. G. Sherer, and the Rev. P. Z. Strodach (*Secretary*), met in Philadelphia, July 17 and 26, 1917, and provided for a book of pocket size and slightly more than 100 pages, containing an Order of Service, the Holy Communion, a Form of Morning Prayer, a Form of Evening Prayer, a Selection of Psalms and Scripture Passages, Tables of Epistles and Gospels and Readings for Private Devotion, Prayers for Public and Private Use, and a Collection of sixty-six hymns with music, and an Order for Burial. The Revs. C. M. Jacobs, D.D., and P. Z. Strodach, as a sub-committee, determined many of the details and prepared the copy for the book, and the Publication Boards have published it. The Committee hopes that it may be of real service in the present national emergency and a permanent contribution to devotional literature appropriate for Army and Navy use. It is hoped that our chaplains will be supplied with all the copies they can use, and that our young men and women in the Army and Navy, or in Red Cross or similar branches of service, may be provided with personal copies by their own congregations or other home organizations.

RECORD OF MEETINGS

As a matter of record the meetings of the various committees are herewith noted:

The Joint Committee met in Philadelphia December 1-2, 1915; February 28, 29 and March 1; and May 1-3, 1916.

The Joint Sub-Committee on Text of the Liturgy met June 19-21, November 28-29, 1916, and January 2-3, 1917.

The Editorial Committee met in Philadelphia, April 9, December 13, 20, 1915; January 25, February 29, March 1, 6, May 1, and November 28, 1916.

The Committee on Rubrics and other Sub-Committees and groups met at the Seminary, Mt. Airy, on the following dates:

December 9, 10, 13, 15, 16, 17, 20, 1915; January 7, 8, 11, 14, 19, 25, 28, 31, February 1, 7, 8, 11, 14, 15, 18, 21, March 2, July 11, 12, 13, 14, 17, 18, September 26, 28, October 3, 7, 9, 17, 23, 30, 31, November 3, 4, 5, 7, 9, 13, 14, 20, 21, 27, December 5, 12, 20, 1916; January 8, 10, February 12, 15, 21, 26, March 6, 13, 19, 31, April 9, 26, May 1, 7, 16, 23, 24, 28, 29, June 15, 21, 1917, and nine days in July and August.

As the hopes and desires of many years find their realization in the completed Common Service Book, the General Council, in this its anniversary year, may find occasion for especial gratification in the fact that the liturgical and hymnological ideals, which it first held aloft in clearness and fullness before the American Lutheran Church in its Church Book and its Kirchenbuch, have so powerfully shaped the character and contents of the new Book. The spirit of earnestness and harmony which so uniformly characterized the work of the Joint Committee in its preparation has not only borne gratifying testimony to the essential unity of faith and purpose among the representatives of the three General Bodies, but has materially contributed to the developments which finally resulted in the plans for the United Lutheran Church.

For the Committee,
LUTHER D. REED, *Secretary.*

The report was adopted as a whole, inclusive of the Joint Resolution.

On motion of Dr. Reed, it was

Resolved, That the General Council endorses the request of the Joint Literature Committee of the Women's Home and Foreign Missionary Societies that the Joint Committee on the Common Service Book prepare a "Service Book for Women's Missionary Societies."

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the name of Dr. Foss be added to the list of nominations for the Foreign Mission Board.

The Rev. Dr. Ohl presented the

REPORT OF THE LUTHERAN CHURCH BOOK AND LITERATURE SOCIETY

Since its last report to this body the Lutheran Church Book and Literature Society has placed 518 Church Books and 674 Sunday-school Books in missions of the General Council. Since the organization of the Society in 1905 eighty-seven missions throughout the United States and Canada, and nine institutions, have received 2,543 Church Books, 1,137 Sunday-school Books, 100 Catechisms, 13 copies of "Church Song," and in one case a liberal supply of Easter Festival Services. The Society also continues to place *The Lutheran* on file in twenty public libraries in Phila-

delphia, in ten in New York, in fourteen in Brooklyn, and in the libraries of Princeton and Union Theological Seminaries. To date 166,000 tracts have been printed, nearly all of which have gone into circulation.

The Society will be happy to aid in supplying soldiers and marines with the Army and Navy Service and Hymn Book, authorized and prepared by the Joint Common Service Committee, and issued by the General Council Publication House and Lutheran Publication Society. Contributions are invited for this specific purpose, and funds so designated will not be diverted to any other use. Money to be so used should be sent to the Treasurer, Mr. E. Clarence Miller, 314 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia.

J. F. OHL, *President.*

The report was ordered to be spread on the minutes.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the evening session be held in Holy Communion Parish House, 2112 Sansom street.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Weller, it was

Resolved, That the matter of the distribution of the Resolutions on Loyalty be referred to the National Commission for Soldiers' and Sailors' Welfare, through our Commission.

2. That to our synods in Canada, permission to reprint and distribute these resolutions be granted.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Kretschmann, it was

Resolved, That the General Council hereby extends deep appreciation and heartfelt thanks to the members of the Church Book Committee for the most important work accomplished for the Lutheran Church within recent years in the preparation of the Common Service of the Lutheran Church, and that of the Army and Navy Service Book.

Adopted unanimously.

WAR WORK

The special order for Monday morning was presented by the Rev. Dr. C. M. Jacobs in the

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON WORK FOR SOLDIERS AND SAILORS

The entrance of our country into the Great War has laid sudden and weighty responsibilities upon all the churches of America. It has swiftly opened a new field of Christian activity which must be occupied immediately with all the forces that the Church can command, if the young men of our churches are to be given that aid in the maintenance of Christian

manhood which the Church owes them, and which they have, and the Nation has, a right to expect of her. It is essential to America's future that the men whom she has called into her armies shall come back to the pursuits of peace stronger, not weaker, in their Christian manhood for the experiences through which they have passed and undegraded by the temptations to which the war inevitably exposes them.

The measures which the Church has taken to discharge this solemn duty to her youth and to the Nation have been of necessity emergency measures, for it was an unforeseen emergency which confronted her. Until within the last two weeks the work of the Lutheran Church in these matters has been one of scattered activities and divided support. In the last ten days, however, steps have been taken looking to closer co-operation among the Lutheran Bodies for this great cause.

I. THE COMMITTEE ON ARMY AND NAVY CHAPLAINCIES.

For a number of years the General Council has had a committee on Chaplaincies in the Army and Navy of the United States, and a report of that committee has been submitted to this Convention. At a meeting of the Joint Lutheran Committee on the Quadri-Centennial on April 18, 1917, a Joint Committee on Chaplaincies was appointed, which consisted of representatives from the General Council, General Synod and United Synod of the South. The Rev. E. F. Keever, D.D., was the first chairman of this committee. During the summer Dr. Keever was called into the service as Chaplain of the First New York Cavalry, and Dr. Charles M. Jacobs was appointed to succeed him in this chairmanship. By permission of the Quadri-Centennial Committee, Rev. H. R. Gold has acted from the first as secretary of this committee, and has been tirelessly active in its work. The General Synod has also had a committee, with Dr. Charles F. Steck, of Washington, as chairman, and the two committees have co-operated in the most complete harmony.

The work of this committee has been to seek out men for appointment to chaplaincies in the Army and Navy and to recommend them to the War and Navy Departments for such appointment. The rules of these Departments have made it absolutely necessary for our committee to have membership in and act in conjunction with the Committee on Chaplaincies of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America, for the government will accept no recommendations that do not pass through this Federal Council Committee.

Our latest advices from Washington indicate that ten Lutheran chaplains have been appointed to the army in the past three months, and recommendations of at least ten more have been filed with the War Department. From the information which it has been able to gather the committee is convinced that the men so recommended will not only be a credit to our Church in this great work, but will faithfully perform the arduous and difficult tasks which the chaplains are obliged to undertake.

The appointment of the chaplains now recommended would more than fill the quota assigned by the War Department to the Lutheran Church,

for the reorganization of the army has greatly decreased the number of chaplaincies. The size of the regimental units has been greatly enlarged, and the law allows a maximum of one chaplain to a regiment. The chaplains of the National Guard have entered the regular service, and each of them has become a regimental chaplain with about three times the number of soldiers to minister to as he had under the Guard organization. In view of these facts it is highly important that a petition be directed to the Congress asking for legislation fixing the ratio of chaplains to officers and enlisted men at one to twelve hundred.

II. CARE OF TRAINING CAMPS AND OTHER WELFARE WORK.

The spiritual needs of our soldiers and sailors cannot be met simply by the services that the chaplains can render, but the work of the chaplains must be supplemented by other activities, of which more will be said below. At the beginning of the war these other lines of work were undertaken by a sub-committee of the General Council's Committee on Inner Missions, acting conjointly with the Inner Mission Committee of the General Synod's Inner Mission Board, and with the President of the United Synod of the South. Under the name of "The United Inner Mission of the Lutheran Church," this second Joint Committee has been seeking the co-operation of other Lutheran Bodies and has done much valuable work, which has been or will be duly reported to this Convention.

Meanwhile various local committees and committees of synods on whose territory cantonments and training camps have been located, have been operating or preparing for operation along this same line.

This is the situation as it has existed until the last three weeks. The Church has not been idle, but its activities have been scattered and divided and there has been no organization which could co-ordinate them and render them efficient.

III. THE NATIONAL LUTHERAN COMMISSION ON SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS' WELFARE.

On the 1st of October a Conference was held at Allentown, Pa., which was attended by representatives of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania's Committee on War Work, the United Inner Mission and the Joint Committee on Chaplaincies. The purpose of this Conference was to discuss ways and means for increasing the efficiency of the Church in this emergency. It was an informal meeting at which the whole situation was discussed, with its problems and the ways of meeting them. It was the sense of this Conference that all of the work done by the Church in behalf of the soldiers and sailors should be unified or at least co-ordinated, and should be undertaken on a national scale by the co-operation of all the Lutheran Bodies. The substance of this opinion was embodied in a telegram to the presidents of the General Council, General Synod and United Synod of the South.

The result was a meeting, held in New York, October 19th, which was attended by regularly appointed delegates of the General Council, the

General Synod, the Norwegian Church in America, the Danish Church in America, the United Danish Church, the Iowa Synod and the Missouri Synod. A delegate had been appointed to represent the United Synod of the South, but he was unable to be present. After a thorough and earnest discussion of the entire situation presented by the war to the Church, the delegates proceeded to the organization of "The National Lutheran Commission on Soldiers' and Sailors' Welfare." The delegate of the Missouri Synod did not participate in the organization, not feeling at liberty to do so without specific instructions from his synod.

The Commission adopted as the basis of its organization the following resolutions:

I. The functions of this Commission shall be:

(a) To promote by every means the spiritual welfare of our soldiers and sailors.

(b) To co-ordinate the work of Lutheran organizations in this behalf.

(c) To initiate new work wherever the need demands it.

(d) To collect and disburse funds for the prosecution of this work.

(e) To secure proper candidates for appointment to chaplaincies in the army and navy of the United States.

II. This Commission shall also be empowered to undertake such other work as may be delegated to it.

III. The representation of the participating General Bodies shall be such as they shall themselves determine, but not exceeding five in number; and each body shall have one vote in the Commission.

IV. That together with a statement of our authority this Commission shall issue to all other General Bodies of Lutherans in the United States of America an urgent appeal requesting that they co-operate with us by sending commissioners to participate in this work."

The officers elected by the Commission are as follows:

President, the Rev. F. H. Knubel, D.D. (General Synod).

Vice-President, the Rev. Charles M. Jacobs, D.D. (General Council).

Secretary, the Rev. Lauritz Larsen (Norwegian Church).

These officers, together with a treasurer, to be elected by the Executive Committee and three other members of the Commission are to constitute the Executive Committee. The Rev. H. A. Weller, D.D. (General Council), and the Rev. A. C. Kildegaard (Danish Church) were elected to the Executive Committee. At a meeting of the Executive Committee, held Oct. 22d, Mr. E. F. Eilert was elected Treasurer. At this same meeting a letter was read from the President of the Icelandic Synod assuring the Commission of the full co-operation of that body. Thus it has been possible on exceedingly short notice to secure the prospect of active co-operation in this work from no less than eight separate Lutheran bodies, and your Commissioners have reason to believe that at least one other body, and possibly two, will be represented at the next meeting.

At its meeting held on Oct. 22d the Executive Committee elected the Revs. Wm. Freas and Howard R. Gold as Field Secretaries of the Com

mission, and empowered the officers to secure offices in New York City. We are able to report at this date, October 19th, that the Revs. Freas and Gold have both accepted the call of the Commission and will enter upon their duties in the immediate future; also that fine office rooms at No. 801 Knabe Building, 437 Fifth Ave., New York, have been donated to the Commission, and that the headquarters of the Commission will be established there on Nov. 1st.

IV. ACTION DESIRED.

Your Commissioners would respectfully present the following recommendations:

WHEREAS, The large number of young men from Lutheran congregations who have entered and are now entering the service of the United States in its Army and Navy, makes it imperative that the Church should bend all its energies toward providing for their spiritual needs; therefore, be it resolved

1. That the General Council believes that there is no work of more pressing and immediate importance before the Church at this time than that of caring for the spiritual welfare of the men of the Army and Navy, and commends this work most urgently to the prayers, the efforts and the liberality of all the synods in its membership, to the congregations of these synods and to all the members of the same, directing that prayers be offered in all their churches for the blessing of Almighty God upon the prosecution of this work.

2. That the General Council approve the action of its President in appointing a Commission to carry on this work.

3. That the General Council also approve the formation of the National Commission for Soldiers' and Sailors' Welfare, together with the resolutions and actions of said Commission above reported.

III. That the General Council pledge its full support to the work of the National Commission and recommend to all its synods that their work for the soldiers and sailors of the United States be done in co-operation with and under the advice or direction of the National Commission.

IV. That the General Council directs its Commissioners to endeavor to raise the sum of \$130,000 for the immediate support of this work, and other sums as they may be needed.

V. That the General Council authorize its President to join with the Presidents of other Lutheran bodies and the heads of other religious bodies in the United States in a petition to the Congress of the United States asking that the number of chaplains in the United States Army be fixed in a ratio of one chaplain to every twelve hundred officers and enlisted men.

Respectfully submitted,

H. A. WELLER,
F. JACOBSON,
CHARLES M. JACOBS.

By request Chaplain Keever addressed the Convention.

The report, with its Resolutions, was unanimously adopted. Also the following, from the Recommendations of the Inner Mission Committee.

Resolved, That every congregation be urged to appoint a special committee on War Work, whose duty it shall be to render every possible service to members of the congregation serving in the Army and Navy, and to co-operate to this end with the Lutheran Commission on War Work and with other national and local organizations, whose objects are in harmony with this purpose.

On motion of the Hon. F. M. Riter, it was

Resolved, That the Report on War Work be printed and distributed at once to all Delegates of this Convention and to all the Pastors of our Lutheran Church in North America.

On behalf of the laymen of this Convention, Charles Schimmelfeng, Esq., presented in a few fitting remarks to the Rev. Dr. Theodore E. Schmauk, D.D., LL.D., President of the General Council, a gold-mounted ebony gavel, inscribed:

PRESIDENT—1903-1917
OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL OF THE
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
IN NORTH AMERICA
FROM
THE LAYMEN

After prayer by the Rev. Augustus Steimle, D.D., of Allentown, Pa., the Convention adjourned.

MONDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Monday, October 29, 2 P. M.

The Seventh Session was opened with a devotional service conducted by Rev. A. Miles Mehrkam, Ph.D., of Rochester, Pa.

The Rev. Dr. Georges C. F. Haas presented the

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FUTURE INCORPORATIONS AND CHARTERS

During the past biennium your Committee was called upon to pass judgment in two cases of desired incorporation. The first was the articles of incorporation of the Slav and Hungarian Mission Board in 1916, the second the re-incorporation of the German Home Mission Board in 1917.

As the holding of a meeting between conventions of the General Council, owing to the wide geographical distribution of the members, would have involved the Council in considerable expense besides leaving it doubtful whether a quorum could be secured, the chairman after consultation with other members of the Committee did not call a formal meeting, but conducted the work by correspondence. The form of incorporation of the Slav and Hungarian Mission Board was approved with some suggestions of changes. The form of re-incorporation of the German Home Mission Board was also approved, but in view of the probable merger of the general bodies was, with the consent of the President of the General Council, referred back to the Board with the suggestion that they consider whether the present time would be the most opportune for a re-incorporation.

During this Convention two matters were referred to your committee: First, the Constitution of the Mission in Japan; Second, The matter of our Church in the Virgin Islands.

Your Committee begs to report as follows:

I. In the matter of the Constitution of the Mission in Japan (See Report of For. Miss. Board) we recommend that Art. I be amended as follows, the words in parenthesis being additional to the form given on page 149: "This mission is known as the Japan Mission of the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America, (is conducted in accordance with the doctrinal basis of the General Council), and constitutes a part of the Joint Conference of Lutheran missions cooperating in Japan, to which it shall report such items of its action for information of the Joint Conference as shall serve the purposes of said Conference."

II. In the matter of the Church in the Virgin Islands:

Resolved, That the Commissioners of the Lutheran Church in the Virgin Islands of the United States of America be given recognition in this Convention as representatives to the General Council; and that the privileges of the floor, with seat and voice, be accorded them.

2. That we recommend to the Church in the Virgin Islands and to our Board for their supervision, that an organization be formed in connection with our Church, and that application for formal admission be presented at the next Convention of the General Council.

THE COMMITTEE.

The report was adopted, and the three Delegates from the Virgin Islands were accorded a seat and a voice in the Convention.

The Rev. Dr. C. L. Fry presented

REPORT OF THE LUTHERAN MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION SOCIETY

OFFICIALLY SUBMITTED TO THE GENERAL COUNCIL

FATHERS AND BRETHREN:—Immediately upon crossing the threshold of the Quadri-centennial year, the first thing your Church Extension Board did was to unanimously appoint a special committee to invite a representative of each of the General Council Mission Boards to a colloquium with us, for devising the plan of a special 400th Anniversary Fund, in which the respective work of *all* the Boards shall have a proportionate share. This was taking the *initial* step in the combined Quadri-centennial Thank Offering, which for the first time in the General Council's fifty years of history was to simultaneously present to our people the wide extent of its work as a whole, and let them see it, for once, lined up in united front. Thus would they comprehend the bigness of its dimensions, and of its needs, far better than by a piece-meal view which they have heretofore been getting. The horizon of their outlook could not but be much enlarged from this high vantage-ground of observation.

A PROMINENT FEATURE OF THE FESTIVAL YEAR

Had this year been any other than 1917, we would have stressed with all our might, during the Lenten Season last Spring, the *one day's income* plan, which was introduced in the General Council by the Church Extension Board, at the beginning of the past bienium, as a popular equitable democratic plan of Christian giving, for a specific object. When our Board launched this effective method last year, it was with the avowed purpose of perpetuating it regularly, year after year from thenceforth, as a permanent distinctive feature of our financial polity. And though we cheerfully consented, last Spring, to forego the advantage of the intended stress we had hoped to put upon it, for Church Extension in the 400th Anniversary year, so that it might be made the slogan this Fall of the *combined* Quadri-centennial Thank-Offering, in which all the Boards should share, yet this was of course only a temporary intermis-

sion for this one festival year. We will, therefore, as a self-evident matter, resume it in 1918, and continue it in each recurring Lenten Season, as was officially decided by unanimous vote of our Board in January, 1916.

For the present year 1917 we find profound satisfaction and pleasure in the fact that both the *plan* of the United Jubilee Thank-Offering, and also the essential feature of its *method*, are those in which the Church Extension Board has taken the initial steps. Because our Board has thus had opportunity to show, in a new and prominent way, its ardent zeal for the General Council's work, which it has always taken pleasure in showing, in every other way, for the past 47 years.

Whilst the relationship of this Society, because of the historic circumstances of its origin in 1871, has necessarily differed from that of the other Boards, which were created by the General Council for various objects from time to time, yet this relationship of the Church Extension Society to the General Council has always been similarly intimate and harmonious.

ALMOST HALF A CENTURY OLD

As everybody knows full well, it was not the Church Extension Society's own option to be organized otherwise than by the General Council *officially*, because the Society would be most happy and proud to have been organized by the General Council, if such were the fact. The reason it had to be organized so long ago, that the General Council itself was then almost in its infancy, hardly four years old, hence, was not yet ready to launch a movement of that kind, is because the Society's existence was demanded at that early date, by the pressing exigency of the project to make possible the building of the Church of the Holy Communion in Philadelphia, by buying the desirable lot at Broad and Arch Streets.

But, whilst it was thus required, by an emergency case, to be organized by a voluntary association of individual Lutherans, on their own initiative, yet from the first moment of its existence until now, the General Council has always regarded it with full favor. And in reciprocation of this attitude of perfect confidence and good will the Society, on its part, has loyally and devotedly given all it ever had and to this day is giving absolutely all it has, both of money and of service, to the furtherance of the Council's tremendous mission work on this Continent, and thus in other parts of the world.

In the year 1889 the General Council took unanimous action, which is printed in its official minutes of that year, making the Lutheran Mission and Church Extension Society the trustee of whatever funds the Synods shall contribute for Church Extension. And the fact that at every convention of the General Council since that time, a full report of the Society's doings is submitted for approval of the Body, and by its vote is published in its official minutes, in conjunction with the reports of all the other Boards, is the General Council's public evidence that the trust has been satisfactorily discharged.

A FURTHER STEP IN ADVANCE

At the Rock Island convention, in 1915, the General Council went still farther, and, as a Body, expressed its hope that every English-speaking Synod would, if possible, send an official representative to each meeting of the Board of Directors and to the annual meeting of the Church Extension Society, not only to give full information concerning applications for loans within the bounds of his own Synod, ~~but~~ also to present the *claims* of the Church Extension Society at each meeting of his Synod.

In response to this action the Pennsylvania Ministerium has appointed the Rev. E. E. Fischer, of Allentown, the Chicago Synod the Rev. R. G. Catlin, of Decatur, Ill., and the Synod of the Northwest the Rev. A. F. Elmquist, Ph.D., of Minneapolis. The Synod of New York and New England has one clerical and one lay member on the Board, and the President of the Pittsburgh Synod is in constant communication as one of the Society's staunchest friends and supporters.

By its own voluntary motion the Synod of the Northwest has placed the Church Extension cause on the list of its regular apportionments to all its congregations, the same as every other mission cause. And in consequence there is scarcely any Church in that Synod which does not make a contribution to Church Extension regularly every year. May the time be not far distant when all the Synods of the General Council shall do likewise.

NOT ONLY DESIRABLE, BUT INDISPENSABLE

Indeed, we may go farther and say that the experience of the past twenty years proves conclusively that *unless* such inclusion in the list of apportionments be made, a large percentage, more than *one-half*, of our pulpits will continue in the future, as in the past, to make no allusion, from beginning to end of the year, to the Church Extension work. The members of such congregations hardly know of the existence of the perpetual loan fund, and are thus deprived of any opportunity to lend their aid in a movement which would so broaden their vision. The pyramids and the special Lenten envelopes are either not used in those congregations at all, or else moneys contributed in these Church Extension receptacles are deliberately diverted to other objects—a practice which common business honesty would brand as an abuse of trust funds.

SALUTARY EFFECT OF THE MERGER

Here comes in the immense advantage which the proposed *merger* will prove to the Church Extension cause, by including it in the list of regular apportionments, the same as the other foremost departments of missionary work. Because like all other branches it will then be in *organic* connection with the United Lutheran Church in America, and will then prove more than ever, in its combination with English Home Missions under one Board, an indispensable arm of efficiency. Our \$300,000 Loan Fund will grow by leaps and bounds, with the stimulus of the General

Synod's \$900,000 Fund for Church Extension to spur us on. And the newly-begun Church Extension Fund of the United Synod South will also profit proportionately to the wholesome contagion of the same enthusiasm.

THE MERGER ARDENTLY APPROVED

The Special Committee appointed to confer with the General Council Board of English Home Missions, and the General Synod Board of Home Missions and Church Extension, to draft a tentative plan for the proposed merger of all the Home Mission and Church Extension Boards of the three English-speaking General Bodies, reported that a Joint Session was held in the Hotel Adelphia of this city, on May 9, 1917, which suggested the following:

1. A new corporation to be formed, to be called "the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension of the United Lutheran Church in America," and to be incorporated under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

2. The United Lutheran Church at its first meeting shall elect a Board of _____ members for said corporation, _____ of whom shall be ministers and _____ laymen. This Board shall have full charge of all the Home Mission and Church Extension interests of the United Lutheran Church in America.

3. This is to include all the Home Mission and Church Extension interests at present administered by the Home Mission and Church Extension Boards of the General Council, the General Synod, and the United Synod South, and such other Lutheran Home Mission and Church Extension interests as may from time to time be given to it.

4. The Boards of Home Missions and Church Extension in these three General Bodies named shall, when requested to do so, by the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension of the United Lutheran Church in America, transfer to the new Board all their respective work and all their assets. Upon the assumption of which by the new Board, or as soon thereafter as the contracts of said Boards permit, the employment of all the employees of these Boards shall cease and determine.

5. Nothing, however, in the formation of the new Board shall be construed as terminating the life or entity of the present Boards, which shall continue, as long as necessary, to receive and turn over legacies, gifts, or bequests which are made to them in their corporate names.

6. The Board of Home Missions and Church Extension of the United Lutheran Church in America shall arrange, as soon as possible, its plan of operation, and shall put the same into effect, giving sufficient recognition, in the most practical way, to each of the District Synods represented in the consolidation and merging of the three General Bodies.

On motion, it was resolved that we express our sincere pleasure and satisfaction at this movement, and pray for its consummation.

When the merger of the three General Bodies is effected, our Board of Church Extension will be happy to consolidate with the Home Mission

and Church Extension Boards of the General Synod and the United Synod South, provided that the legal requirements can be fulfilled, as will doubtless be the case. This action was unanimously and heartily approved.

EVIDENCES OF PROGRESS

The removal of the office of the General Superintendent, since our last report, from No. 805 to No. 844, in the Drexel Building, Philadelphia, is a long step forward. Not only are the new headquarters much more commodious and convenient, but the close and constant contact with the General Council's Home Mission movements, now that we occupy the same apartments, is of exceeding great value. The interests of the two Boards have so much in common that all these interests are better subserved by the more intimate association. Scarcely a day has passed since the change was made, when this advantage was not distinctly felt.

The same is true of the evident value of having in our suits of offices the literature-headquarters of the General Council's Women's Missionary Society, and the business office of the General Secretary of the Luther League of America.

Another valuable new feature is the General Council's appointment, at its last convention, of a standing Committee on Architecture, which is cheerfully willing at all times to consult with congregations contemplating any improvements of their Church buildings, exterior or interior. Such expert counsel is especially valuable to new congregations in the erection of their first edifices, and we would particularly stress the value of their communicating with this Committee very early in the initial stages of their provisional plans, even before the blueprints are made.

A LARGER LOAN-FUND NEEDED

Our people surely do believe with all their might, to the very last man or woman, that the Church Extension loan-plan is an eminently wise and efficacious method, altogether unique in its salient features. There is no least lack of confidence in the system, as the best that could possibly be devised. The Synods have all commended it most highly by official action, time and again, and the Women's Missionary organization of the General Council has asked each Conference Society to take a life membership at \$50, and each local society to take an annual membership at \$5 a year.

Yet in the Ministerium of Pennsylvania, where there is no apportionment for Church Extension, its 150,000 communicants give an average of *three and a half cents a year* for the loan-fund for building Churches in a territory covering the United States and Canada. Though there are congregations in every one of its Conferences which make an honest and earnest effort to increase this sorely-needed Extension fund, as if it were listed with the apportionments. If the same conscientious stress would characterize the multitudes of Churches which did nothing at all, the Ministerium's 150,000 communicants, in making returns of 40 cents per pyramid (which is an average of only a penny a day for the 40 days in

Lent), would have added \$120,000 to the fund in the biennium. What they actually gave was less than a tithe of that.

The New York and New England Synod's record is 12 cents per member; the Pittsburgh Synod, 10 cents; the District Synod of Ohio and the Pacific Synod, 5 cents. Then the Chicago Synod touches bottom with *one cent a year* per member.

CONGREGATIONS HOLDING CHURCH EXTENSION LOANS

By unanimous action of the General Council at Toledo in 1913, the Church Extension Society was requested to append to all subsequent reports printed in the official minutes of the Council, a statistical table of parishes holding loans, stating the date and the amount of the loan, also the amount repaid. The following list is therefore published in compliance with that action. The record is dated January 1, 1917.

Church	Date	Amount of Loan	Repaid 1915-16	Repaid 1913-14	Repaid Prev.
Mt. Vernon, N. Y.	1896	\$1,000.	\$100.	\$200	\$300.
Coshocton, Ohio	1903	1,500.	73.	705.	352.
Resurrection, Phila.	1901	2,500.	400.	275.	225.
St. Mark's, Boston	1905	8,000.	.....	1,188.	.....
Trinity, Minneapolis	1907	1,200.	330.	650.	.....
Apostles', Phila.	1902	5,000.	1,050.	300.	1,150.
Perth Amboy, N. J.	1904	3,000.	1,400.	500.	.....
Yonkers, N. Y.	1909	3,000.	.....	200.	.....
The Dalles, Oregon	1898	900.	.....	200.	500.
Wildwood, N. J.	1911	1,000.	100.	200.	.....
Harrisburg, Pa.	1907	3,000.	150.	150.	50.
Emmaus, Cleveland	1912	1,500.	50.	100.	.....
Conway, Penna.	1911	1,000.	400.	100.	.....
Hamilton, Ontario	1910	5,000.	.....	20.	.....
Incarnation, Phila.	1906	2,000.	688.	77.	836.
Transfiguration, Phila.	1900	1,000.	550.	150.	100.
Tacoma, Wash.	1909	3,500.	.....	.....	.....
Grace, Newark	1906	6,000.	.....	.....	.....
Redeemer, Milwaukee	1897	9,344.	.....	.....	3,644.
Portland, Oregon	1906	12,000.	.....	.....	.....
St. John's, Duluth	1897	5,000.	.....	.....	1,063.
Kenosha, Wis.	1903	2,500.	200.	.....	.....
Bethlehem, Phila.	1903	5,000.	700.	.....	.....
La Crosse, Wis.	1899	1,450.	200.	.....	.....
Detroit, St. Paul's	1904	5,000.	.....	.....	.....
Holy Com., Racine	1901	1,500.	.....	.....	.....
Trinity, Seattle	1903	3,500.	.....	.....	.....
Our Saviour, Trenton	1902	2,000.	.....	.....	1,000.
Vancouver, Wash.	1903	1,500.	125.	.....	150.
Elmira, N. Y.	1903	1,000.	200.	.....	.....

Church	Date	Amount of Loan	Repaid 1915-16	Repaid 1913-14	Repaid Prev.
Our Saviour, Phila.	1909	5,000.	.....	.....	.....
St. Luke's Chicago	1905	2,500.	.....	.....	.....
Attleboro, Penna.	1906	1,000.	.....	.....	.....
Washington, D. C.	1906	5,000.	2,000.	1,000.	.....
St. Paul's, Scranton	1906	2,500.	100.	.....	.....
Epiphany, Milwaukee	1906	8,000.	300.	.....	.....
Aurora, Ill.	1907	2,500.	.....	.....	.....
New Britain, Conn.	1910	4,900.	.....	.....	.....
St. James', Chicago	1908	2,500.	.....	.....	.....
Beloit, Wis.	1914	5,000.	.....	.....	.....
Austin, Ill.	1908	2,500.	.....	.....	.....
Reformation, Milwaukee	1909	5,000.	.....	.....	.....
St. Andrew's, Brooklyn	1916	6,000.	.....	.....	.....
Superior, Wis.	1909	2,000.	.....	.....	.....
Guelph, Canada	1909	2,000.	.....	.....	.....
Winnipeg, Canada	1910	3,000.	.....	.....	.....
Holy Com., Minneapolis.....	1913	2,000.	.....	.....	.....
Hamilton, Ontario	1910	5,000.	.....	.....	.....
Victoria, B. C.	1910	3,000.	.....	.....	.....
Atlantic City, N. J.	1910	1,500.	.....	.....	200.
Fargo, N. Dak.	1911	3,000.	.....	.....	.....
All Saints, Phila.	1912	7,000.	interest	.....	.....
Cedarburg, Wis.	1911	1,000.	.....	.....	.....
Overbrook, Phila.	1911	2,000.	.....	.....	.....
Madison, Wis.	1911	5,000.	.....	.....	.....
Epiphany, Chicago	1912	5,000.	.....	.....	.....
Carrick, Penna.	1912	3,000.	.....	.....	.....
Mediator, Phila.	1912	7,570.	interest	.....	.....
St. Stephen's, Phila.	1912	5,000.	.....	.....	.....
Livingston, Mont.	1912	5,000.	.....	.....	.....
Ashtabula, Ohio	1912	1,000.	.....	.....	.....
Vancouver, B. C.	1913	5,000.	.....	.....	.....
Galt, Ontario	1913	1,000.	.....	.....	.....
Redeemer, Montreal	1913	4,000.	.....	.....	.....
Kitchener, Ontario	1913	5,000.	50.	.....	.....
St. Peter's, Ottawa	1913	4,000.	.....	.....	.....
Tuscarora, Pa.	1913	500.	.....	.....	.....
Pacific Seminary	1914	5,000.	.....	.....	.....
East Orange, N. J.	1913	3,000.	.....	.....	.....
St. Peter's, Chicago	1913	3,000.	.....	.....	.....
Prince of Peace, Phila.	1914	2,500.	.....	.....	.....
Hershey, Penna.	1914	3,000.	.....	.....	.....
Hartford, Conn.	1914	3,000.	.....	.....	.....
Lafayette, Ind.	1914	5,000.	.....	.....	.....
Salem, Frankford	1914	2,200.	.....	.....	.....

Church	Date	Amount of Loan	Repaid 1915-16	Repaid 1913-14	Repaid Prev.
Palmerton, Pa.	1914	2,000.	.....	.....	.....
Oshkosh, Wis.	1914	3,000.	.....	.....	.....
Waterloo, Ont.	1914	3,000.	.....	.....	.....
Magnolia, N. J.	1915	1,300.	500.	.....	.....
Poughkeepsie, N. Y.	1915	4,000.	.....	.....	.....
Marquette Manor, Chicago....	1915	2,237.	.....	.....	.....
Resurrection, Milwaukee	1915	2,000.	.....	.....	.....
St. Mark's, Fremont, Ohio....	1915	3,000.	.....	.....	.....
Neenah-Menasha, Wis.	1915	5,000.	.....	.....	.....
Weehawken, N. J.	1915	5,000.	100.	.....	.....
Halifax, Nova Scotia	1915	5,000.	.....	.....	.....
Ocean City, N. J.	1915	1,000.	.....	.....	.....
Faith, St. Paul, Minn.	1915	3,000.	.....	.....	.....
Grace, Roxboro	1915	3,500.	.....	.....	.....
Washington Park, Milwaukee..	1915	1,150.	.....	.....	.....
Haddon Heights, N. J.	1915	2,000.	.....	.....	.....
Prince of Peace, Phila.....	1915	2,000.	.....	.....	.....
Grand Boulevard, Detroit.....	1916	8,000.	.....	.....	.....
North Yakima, Wash.	1916	3,500.	.....	.....	.....
St. James', Minneapolis	1916	2,500.	.....	.....	.....
W. Collingsgood, N. J.	1916	3,000.	.....	.....	.....

The following churches have paid their loans in full:

St. John's, McKeesport, Pa.	Christ Church, Detroit.
St. John's, Anderson, Ind.	Trinity, Elizabeth, N. J.
Redeemer, Syracuse, N. Y.	St. John's, New Castle, Pa.
St. John's, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.	Grace, Toledo, Ohio.
St. Matthew's, Toledo, Ohio.	St. Paul's, New Kensington, Pa.
Salt Lake City, Utah.	Trinity, Manoa, Pa.
Salem, Minneapolis.	St. Mark's, Minneapolis.
St. Peter's, Natrona, Pa.	Grace, Wyndmoor, Pa.
St. James', St. Paul, Minn.	St. Peter's, Janesville, Wis.
Holy Trinity, Cleveland, O.	St. John's, Chicago, Ill.
Zion, Defiance, Ohio.	Trinity, St. Paul, Minn.
Grace, Dunkirk, N. Y.	St. Paul's, Toronto, Canada.
St. Luke's, Toledo.	Mt. Zion, Pittsburgh, Pa.
St. Barnabas, Brooklyn.	St. John's, Melrose Park.
Zion, Olney, Phila.	

PAYMENT OF OVERDUE LOANS

In view of the great number of applications for loans at the present time, the question pressed with importunate urgency. What can be done to secure part payment of those outstanding loans which are overdue, on the part of congregations which could either return the amounts they owe us, or else pay interest to our treasury until the principal be liquidated?

In answer to this it was unanimously resolved, that hereafter every Church holding a loan, shall be notified by the treasurer one year in advance of the date when it has pledged to return the money. The letter shall state that in case payment be not made when due, the legal rate of interest will be charged from that time forward, and the amount added to the principal, if foreclosure be compelled.

It was also voted that in the case of those Churches whose loans have been granted as long as ten years ago, our treasurer be authorized to send them word that payment forthwith is positively depended on. And if the loan be not paid promptly, he is authorized to take legal steps to bring them to the terms which they themselves expressly agreed to, when their applications were made. If there are to be exceptions, these shall be determined by specific action of the Board in each instance.

CHURCH EXTENSION SHARE OF THE JUBILEE FUND

The Committee to gather the Special Quadri-centennial Fund stated to the Board of Church Extension that our share of the projected General Council Thank Offering of One Day's Income from all its members, is to be 8 per cent. This would mean \$32,000, if the hope that the fund will reach \$400,000, be realized. On motion, our Board expressed its grateful appreciation, in advance, for whatever sum shall come into its treasury, as the result of this co-operative campaign, to increase the non-interest-bearing Loan Fund, for building Churches in all the Synods of the General Council.

BEQUESTS AND ANNUITY BONDS

The number of legacies and bequests for Church Extension, during the past biennium, as shown by our treasurer's report, ought to be multiplied many fold during the next two years. Because no thoughtful man or woman will challenge the sober truthfulness of the startling statement that it is our own Nation, on which the hopes of the whole world are centered now, in a sense in which they have never been centered on *any* one Nation since time began. Nor can anybody doubt that if North America is to be saved to Christ and the Gospel, in the present upheaval, when the very fabric of the earth's framework is being shaken, the decisive question must be settled as soon as the last spasm of the world convulsion shall have reached its climax. It is literally a fact that the destiny of the entire human race, to the remotest bounds of the planet, is involved.

For *emergency* reasons, therefore, as urgent as those which forced Jerusalem on the first and foremost attention of the apostles in a supreme sense, in that crucial initial era, this American Continent of ours must be placed first and foremost on the roll of evangelical Extension enterprises today. For surely the Christian people on this Continent, under world-conditions as they now exist, and will continue to exist, are charged with the high responsibility of fulfilling God's providential plans and purposes for the future destiny of mankind.

OUR ANNUITY INVESTMENT IS UNIQUE

This new channel of Christian investment presents very attractive features to such of our devoted Lutheran people who need interest on their money, payable semi-annually, as long as they live; yet who want the satisfaction at the same time of not only seeing that money at work in the Kingdom, during the entire remainder of their lifetime, but also of knowing that the *principal* will never be expended, but continue in force from generation to generation, as a *permanent* asset of the Church. In this respect there is absolutely nothing to resemble it.

In brief, the plan is this: The Board will receive any sum and give in exchange an Annuity Bond, paying the donor a regular stated income for life, proportionate to the amount invested. At the death of the donor, the amount is added to the perpetual Loan Fund for Church Extension, thus preventing any possible *diverting* of it from this object, by the post-mortem breaking of wills, or other unforeseen contingencies, such as so often happen.

Even a Government Bond is no safer, and not nearly so profitable. When you hear it claimed for an investment that it is all "net," that little word means a great deal. On most investments people must pay taxes and commissions and upkeep. But there are no such things in this case. The holder of an Annuity Bond need never give it a thought. His check comes every six months, just the same. He has no worry with collections or agents or repairs or reinvestments; no fear of loss, no anxiety about the future. *He has only to cash his semi-annual income checks.*

You see, therefore, at a glance, what a rare combination of business sense and Christian beneficence an Annuity Bond is. It represents both a gift to the permanent Loan Fund for Church Extension, and also a safe and substantial investment for yourself, as long as you live. You thus have the double satisfaction of knowing that this sure provision for yourself against future need is at the same time consecrating your money to a sacred cause, viz., the extension of the Kingdom by building English-speaking churches in strategic centers, within the bounds of all our Synods from ocean to ocean. What better investment than this could anybody ask?

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The Board meets quarterly on the fourth Monday in January, April, June and October at Philadelphia.

OUR TREASURER'S TWENTY-FIVE YEARS OF SERVICE

This year 1917 marks the completion of E. Aug. Miller's continuous unsalaried service of our Board for twenty-five years as its efficient treasurer. On motion, a well-deserved tribute was ordered to be placed on our official minutes expressing the great debt owed to Mr. Miller by us and by the whole Church. It is the unanimous conviction not only of the Board but also of the General Council, that his good judgment and financial sagacity have had much to do with the increase of our Church Extension Fund, during the past quarter century, to more than ten times its amount when he took it in charge.

The Board also heartily approved of his continuing to be assisted, with marked competency, during the ensuing year, by his son, Paul V. R. Miller, Esq., upon the same terms of compensation as last year.

Committees are constituted as follows:

Executive—Drs. J. Fry and G. W. Sandt, E. Aug. Miller, Esq., and Hon. W. H. Staake.

Loans—Drs. E. E. Sibole and J. C. Kunzmann, Mr. James M. Snyder, and the Secretary ex-officio.

Finance—Mr. John Willing, Dr. E. P. Pfatteicher, Mr. James M. Mohr.

Securities—James H. Wolfe, Esq., G. E. Schlegelmilch, Esq., Mr. John M. Snyder.

DEATH OF DR. C. ARMAND MILLER

The one loss which our Board has suffered by death, since its last report, is a very grievous one, that of Dr. C. Armand Miller, D.D., pastor of St. Mark's Church, Philadelphia, whose overstrain caused a complete nervous breakdown, just in the very zenith of his eminently useful career. We profoundly mourn his loss, as a man of great soul, of wide vision, of genial temperament, of versatile talent, of cosmopolitan outlook, of strong convictions and forceful utterance.

MORE INTERCESSORY PRAYER A VITAL NEED

Let our last word lay utmost emphasis on making Church Extension a subject of public and private prayer, as we have never done before. Legion is the number of Lutheran people who confess that not in one single instance can they remember of ever having heard the word "Church Extension" used in any prayer offered by a minister at the Altar, or any public invoking of God's blessing upon the Society's work. If pressed still further, they are obliged to confess (and this is but a logical corollary of the fact just mentioned), that they themselves never make Church Extension a subject of their own special *personal* intercession before the Throne of Grace. So generally, indeed, has such absence of supplication on behalf of this work prevailed hitherto, that at the be-

ginning of the past biennium a number of men on our Board of Managers, and other persons deeply concerned about the progress of the work, have entered voluntarily into mutual covenant with one another, binding themselves by a sacred pledge of DAILY INTERCESSION for Church Extension advance. And we hereby earnestly invite every friend of the cause to unite with us in our unceasing petitions.

Respectfully submitted by the Board,

CHARLES L. FRY, *Secretary.*

FINANCIAL REPORT OF LUTHERAN MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION SOCIETY,
JANUARY 1, 1915, TO JANUARY 1, 1917

Dr.

Balance, January 1, 1915 \$5,340 47

Contributions for biennium as follows:

Ministerium of Pennsylvania	\$10,587 36	
Pittsburgh Synod	5,050 10	
Synod of New York and New England	3,129 68	
District Synod of Ohio	1,777 65	
Chicago Synod	472 51	
Synod of Northwest	1,573 14	
Pacific Synod	102 45	
Synod of Central Canada	324 57	
Nova Scotia Synod	288 78	
Ministerium of New York	25 00	
Individuals (dues, etc.)	3,170 85	
Unclassified sources	5 00	
Estate Julia A. Church, dec'd	3,960 00	
Estate Elizabeth A. Peiper, dec'd	500 00	
Estate Harry A. Grim, dec'd	2,169 76	
Estate Charlotte Chorley, dec'd	475 00	
Estate Margaret Chorley, dec'd	475 00	
Estate Josiah Rumbaugh, dec'd	980 81	
Estate Wm. Ashmead Schaeffer, dec'd, mort- gage	800 00	
Interest on deposits	525 80	
Interest on loans	531 66	
		36,925 12
St. John's, Chicago, on account loss at Buckley, Ill.		1,153 47
Sale of lot at Mayville, N. Dak.		279 10
Miss E. W. Massinger, annuity bond	\$ 500 00	
Miss Henrietta Bartholomew, annuity bond	500 00	
Repayment of loans:		
Church of Atonement, Washington	\$2,000 00	
Holy Communion, Harrisburg	150 00	
Church of Apostle, Philadelphia	1,050 00	

St. Paul's Vancouver, Wash.	\$ 125 00	
First Church, Kitchener, Ontario	50 00	
St. John's, Chicago	6,000 00	
Zion's, Defiance, Ohio	800 00	
Resurrection, Philadelphia	400 00	
Christ Church, Detroit	1,700 00	
Holy Trinity, LaCrosse, Wis.	200 00	
Holy Trinity, Elmira, N. Y.	200 00	
Holy Trinity, Wildwood, N. J.	100 00	
Church at Mt. Vernon, N. Y.	100 00	
Bethlehem, Philadelphia	700 00	
Holy Trinity, Minneapolis	330 00	
Emmanuel, Coshocton, Ohio	72 88	
First Church, Conway, Pa.	400 00	
Emmaus Church, Cleveland	50 00	
Transfiguration, Philadelphia	550 00	
Grace, Dunkirk, N. Y.	1,250 00	
Grace, Perth Amboy, N. J.	1,400 00	
Zion, Olney, Philadelphia	200 00	
Holy Trinity, Magnolia, N. J.	500 00	
St. John's, Melrose Park, Pa.	1,085 00	
St. Barnabas, Brooklyn	2,000 00	
Grace, Kenosha, Wis.	200 00	
Mt. Zion, Pittsburgh	5,000 00	
Good Shepherd, Weehauken, N. J.	100 00	
Epiphany, Milwaukee	300 00	
Incarnation, Philadelphia	688 00	
St. Luke's, Toledo	100 00	
St. Paul's, Scranton	100 00	
		27,900 88
Received to credit of Slav Mission Fund		47 48
		<u>\$72,646 52</u>

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Salary of Secretary	\$3,999 84	
Office rent, 'phone and expenses of Secretary..	514 50	
Salary of assistant to Treasurer	858 26	
Printing and postage	1,226 26	
Incidentals	87 34	
		<u>\$6,686 20</u>
Interest to annuitants	653 75	
Miss Mary Raz, return of conditional gift	500 00	
Interest on mortgage and taxes, Grace Church, Victoria, B. C.	1,147 40	
Interest on mortgage, Church of Redeemer, Vancouver	744 35	
Collateral tax on Schaeffer bequest	40 00	
Return of money sent by mistake	52 03	
		<u>\$9,823 73</u>

Loans as follows:

Holy Trinity, Magnolia, N. J.	\$ 500 00	
St. John's, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.	4,000 00	
Church at Marquette Manor, Chicago	2,237 50	
St. Barnabas, Brooklyn	2,000 00	
Resurrection, Milwaukee	2,000 00	
St. Mark's, Fremont, Ohio	3,000 00	
St. Paul's, Neenah, Wis.	3,000 00	
Resurrection, Halifax, Nova Scotia	5,000 00	
Holy Trinity, Magnolia, N. J.	800 00	
Washington Park, Milwaukee	1,150 00	
St. John's, Ocean City, N. J.	1,000 00	
Good Shepherd, Weehawken, N. J.	5,000 00	
Faith Church, St. Paul's, Minn.	3,000 00	
St. Paul's, Neenah, Wis.	2,000 00	
Grace, Roxborough	3,500 00	
Church at Haddon Heights, N. J.	2,000 00	
Prince of Peace, Phila.	2,000 00	
Grand River Ave., Detroit	8,000 00	
Holy Trinity, N. Yakima, Wash.	3,500 00	
St. James', Minneapolis	2,500 00	
St. Andrew's, Brooklyn	3,000 00	
St. Luke's, W. Collingswood, N. J. (on a/c) ..	1,500 00	
		60,687 50
		\$70,511 23
Balance, January 1, 1917		2,135 29
		\$72,646 52

Of the above balance, \$47.48 stands to the credit of the Slav Extension Fund.

Respectfully submitted,

E. AUG. MILLER, *Treasurer.*

714 Commonwealth Trust Building, Philadelphia.

AUDITING COMMITTEE'S REPORT

PHILADELPHIA, June 28, 1917.

We, the undersigned Finance Committee of The Lutheran Mission and Church Extension Society, have examined and audited the accounts of E. Aug. Miller, Treasurer, to January 1, 1917, and find the same correct. We have also examined the securities as tabulated in the annual report, and find them as stated.

JAMES N. MOHR,

JOHN WILLING,

Finance Committee.

LIST OF ASSETS AND SECURITIES OF THE SOCIETY

Note and mortgage, First Church, Ashtabula, Ohio	\$1,000 00
Bond and mortgage, St. Andrew's, Atlantic City, N. J.	1,300 00
Bond and mortgage, Redeemer, Attleboro, Pa.	1,000 00
Note and mortgage, Redeemer, Aurora, Ill.	2,500 00
Note and deed of trust, Redeemer, Austin, Ill.	2,500 00
Notes and Mortgages, Atonement, Beloit, Wis.	5,000 00
Mortgages, First Eng. Ch., Kitchener, Ontario	7,950 00
Note and mortgage, St. Mark's, Boston, Mass.	5,319 17
Bonds and mortgages, St. Andrew's, Brooklyn	5,500 00
Bond and mortgage, St. Barnabas', Brooklyn	3,000 00
Bond and mortgage, Redeemer, Garrick, Pa.	3,000 00
Note and mortgage, Advent, Cedarburg, Wis.	1,000 00
Note and deed of trust, Epiphany, Chicago	5,000 00
Note and mortgage, Marquette Manor, Chicago	2,237 50
Note and deed of trust, St. James', Chicago	2,500 00
Note and mortgage, St. Luke's, Chicago	2,500 00
Note and mortgage, St. Peter's, Chicago	3,000 00
Note and mortgage, Emmaus, Cleveland	1,350 00
Bond and mortgage, First Ch. Conway, Pa.	500 00
Note and mortgage, Emmanuel, Coshocton, Ohio	369 94
Note and mortgage, Christ Ch., Detroit	1,300 00
Bond and mortgage, St. Paul's, Detroit	5,000 00
Deed, Grand River Ave. Mission, Detroit	8,000 00
Note and mortgage, St. John's, Duluth, Minn.	3,937 29
Bond and mortgage, Holy Trinity, East Orange, N. J.	3,000 00
Bond and mortgage, Holy Trinity, Elmira, N. Y.	800 00
Note and mortgage, St. Mark's, Fargo, N. D.	3,000 00
Note and mortgage, St. Mark's, Fremont, Ohio	3,000 00
Mortgage, St. Paul's, Galt, Ontario	1,000 00
Mortgage, St. Paul's, Guelph, Ontario	2,000 00
Bond and mortgage, Haddon Heights, N. J.	2,000 00
Mortgage, Resurrection, Halifax	5,000 00
Bond and mortgage, Trinity, Hamilton, Canada	4,980 00
Bond and mortgage, Holy Communion, Harrisburg, Pa.	2,700 00
Note and mortgage, St. Paul's, Hartford, Conn.	3,000 00
Bond and mortgage, Holy Trinity, Hershey, Pa.	3,000 00
Note and mortgage, Grace, Kenosha, Wis.	2,300 00
Note and mortgage, Holy Trinity, LaCrosse, Wis.	1,250 00
Note and mortgage, Holy Trinity, Lafayette, Ind.	5,000 00
Mortgage, Redeemer, Livingston, Montana	5,000 00
Note and mortgage, Holy Trinity, Madison, Wis.	5,000 00
Bond and mortgage, Holy Trinity, Magnolia, N. J.	800 00
Notes and mortgages, Epiphany, Milwaukee, Wis.	7,700 00
Note and mortgage, Redeemer, Milwaukee, Wis.	5,700 00
Note and mortgage, Reformation, Milwaukee, Wis.	5,000 00

Note and mortgage, Resurrection, Milwaukee, Wis.	\$ 2,000 00
Note and mortgage, Washington Park Ch., Milwaukee, Wis..	1,150 00
Notes and mortgages, Holy Communion, Minneapolis	2,000 00
Note and mortgage, Holy Trinity, Minneapolis	220 00
Note and mortgage, St. James', Minneapolis	2,500 00
Deed of loan, Redeemer, Montreal, Canada	4,000 00
Bond and mortgage, Ch. at Mt. Vernon, N. Y.	400 00
Notes and mortgages, St. Paul's, Neenah, Wis.	5,000 00
Bond and mortgage, Grace Ch., Newark, N. J.	6,000 00
Notes and mortgages, Reformation, New Britain, Conn.	4,900 00
Note and mortgage, Trinity, N. Yakima, Wash.	3,500 00
Deed, St. John's, Ocean City, N. J.	1,000 00
Note and mortgage, St. John's, Oshkosh, Wis.	3,000 00
Mortgage, St. Peter's, Ottawa, Canada	4,000 00
Bond and mortgage, Holy Trinity, Palmerton, Pa.	2,000 00
Bond and mortgage, Grace, Perth Amboy, N. J.	1,100 00
Bonds and mortgages, All Saints', Philadelphia	7,000 00
Bond and mortgage, Apostles', Philadelphia	2,500 00
Bonds and mortgages, Bethlehem, Philadelphia	4,300 00
Bond and mortgage, Good Shepherd, Philadelphia	2,000 00
Bond and mortgage, Grace, Roxborough	3,500 00
Deed, Holy Trinity (Slovak), Philadelphia	500 00
Bond and mortgage, Mediator, Philadelphia	7,570 70
Bonds and mortgages, Our Saviour, Philadelphia	5,000 00
Bonds and mortgages, Prince of Peace, Philadelphia	4,500 00
Bond and mortgage, Resurrection, Philadelphia	1,600 00
Bond and mortgage, Salem, Frankford	2,200 00
Bond and mortgage, St. Stephen's, Philadelphia	5,000 00
Bond and mortgage, Transfiguration, Philadelphia	200 00
Notes and Mortgages, St. James', Portland, Ore.	12,000 00
Bond and mortgage, St. John's, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.	4,000 00
Note and mortgage, Holy Communion, Racine, Wis.	1,500 00
Bond and mortgage, St. Paul's, Scranton, Pa.	2,400 00
Notes and mortgages, Holy Trinity, Seattle, Wash.	3,500 00
Note and mortgage, Pacific Synod Theol. Seminary, Seattle, Wash.	5,000 00
Note and mortgage, Faith, St. Paul, Minn.	3,000 00
Note and mortgage, Holy Trinity, Superior, Wis.	2,000 00
Note and mortgage, Zion, Tacoma, Wash.	3,500 00
Note and mortgage, Zion's, The Dalles, Ore.	200 00
Bond and mortgage, Our Saviour, Trenton, N. J.	1,000 00
Bond and mortgage, Advent, Tuscarora, Pa.	500 00
Note and mortgage, Redeemer, Vancouver, B. C.	5,000 00
Note and mortgage, St. Paul's, Vancouver, Wash.	1,375 00
Bond and mortgage, Grace, Victoria, B. C.	3,000 00
Note and deed of trust, Atonement, Washington, D. C.	3,000 00

Bond and mortgage, Good Shepherd, Weehawken, N. J.	\$ 4,900 00
Bond and mortgage, St. Luke's, W. Collingswood, N. J. (part payment on account of loan of \$3,000.00)	1,500 00
Bond and mortgage, Holy Trinity, Wildwood, N. J.	700 00
Mortgage, First English Ch., Winnipeg, Canada	3,000 00
Bond and mortgage, Redeemer, Yonkers, N. Y.	2,800 00
Balance in bank as reported above	2,135 29
Total	\$301,044 89

The Society also holds title to lots in Garden City, Utah; in Philadelphia for the Church of the Advocate, to premises on South 9th Street for the Italian Mission work, and at Franklin and Green Streets for the Slovak Mission.

E. AUG. MILLER, *Treasurer*.

The report was accepted and ordered spread on the Minutes.

The Rev. Dr. Weller presented the

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE TO CONFER WITH THE CHURCH EXTENSION SOCIETY

To the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America.

Your Committee to confer with the Lutheran Mission and Church Extension Society in the matter of a permanent relationship between the Society and the General Council begs leave to report, that it attended to the duties of its appointment and held a meeting with the Church Extension Society. At this meeting the attention of the Church Extension Society was called to the several efforts that had been made on the part of the General Council to have the possibility of a permanent relation canvassed and, if possible, established. The resolutions of the Council, upon the request of the Church Extension Society at the convention in Pittsburgh, Pa., in 1889 (Minutes, p. 62), were called to the attention of the Committee. The resolution of the Council was, "That, until permanent arrangements are made, all funds raised for this cause be placed in the Treasury of the Lutheran Mission and Church Extension Society, to be held and managed by it in trust for the Council, in accordance with the purposes and the intentions of the donors." Your Committee proposed to the Church Extension Society the following request to be considered: "Present legal organization permitting, it is proposed that a merger of the incorporated Church Extension Society with the incorporated English Home Mission Board of the General Council be effected, to hold and administer Church Extension funds for Church Extension purposes only."

The Church Extension Society thereupon appointed a committee to frame a reply to the proposition of the committee of the General Council, which reply was communicated to your committee afterward as follows:

(a) The action of 1889 does not ask the Society to consider any permanent relationship between the Society and the Council.

(b) The funds of the Society could, by the by-laws of the Society itself, in no wise be diverted from the objects of the donors.

(c) The Council itself has not acted upon the merger proposition, which it should do before the Society's Board considers the same.

(d) Since the Society has some members paying dues, these have certain vested rights, and "to give an unincorporated organization, such as the General Council is, the right to elect the Board of Managers of a regularly incorporated Body would be a questionable legal proceeding."

Having considered the answer given by this Society as inadequate and in part irrelevant, your Committee decided to offer the following resolutions to be adopted:

Resolved, That the General Council request a merger to be concluded between its English Home Mission Board of the General Council and the incorporated Lutheran Mission and Church Extension Society whereunder Church Extension funds are to be administered by the English Home Mission Board for Church Extension purposes only.

Respectfully submitted,

THE COMMITTEE.

H. A. WELLER, *Secretary*.

JOHN A. W. HAAS,

G. FRANKLIN GEHR,

I. CHANTRY HOFFMAN.

The report of the committee, inclusive of the first resolution, was adopted.

For the second and third the following, offered by the Rev. Dr. Frick, was adopted:

Resolved, That if the result contemplated in the first resolution be not attained within four months, a friendly suit at law be instituted to secure the same.

On motion of the Rev. Wm. M. Horn, it was

Resolved. That in case of said failure the Trustees of the General Council be instructed to take proper action in the case.

The report on Part II of the President's Report was acted on. See First Session.

The Rev. Howard E. Snyder presented the

REPORT OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL COMMISSION ON UNITED STATES ARMY AND NAVY CHAPLAINS

The appointment of this Commission was authorized at the last meeting of the General Council. Upon the United States entering the World War, another Inter-Synodical Committee on United States Army and Navy Chaplains was appointed, which superseded the General Council Commission. This Commission, therefore, has had an unhampered existence of only one year. The Commission at once secured the active interest and co-operation of the Secretary of the Navy and the Adjutant General of the United States Army.

Explanatory circulars and pamphlets were issued. Forty-six men in all made inquiries. Twelve out of the forty-six made formal application for appointment as chaplains in the Federal service. Some very desirable men failed to pass the rigid physical test.

As a direct result of the work of this Commission the following men are now serving as United States Chaplains: Rev. P. E. Seidler, Pasco-goûla, Miss., and Rev. Emil H. Groth, Casselton, N. Dak., serving as acting Chaplains in the United States Navy. Rev. J. E. Chester, Montclair, N. J., and Rev. A. R. Hedstrom, Colorado Springs, Col., are serving as Chaplains in the United States Army.

The Commission accomplished a good work in arousing an intelligent interest in this important patriotic and religious duty of the Lutheran Church in America.

The provisions for Chaplains and effective religious work in the various Officers' Training Camps and Concentration Camps by the Lutheran Church are totally inadequate. A beginning has hardly been made. There should be a comprehensive plan and policy. Much remains to be done in this field.

This Commission respectfully recommends:

First. That the Commission on United States Army and Navy Chaplains be made a permanent committee of the General Council, and that a majority of the Commission shall always be composed of men who have served in the state and federal military establishment, either as soldiers or sailors.

Second. That the Commission be instructed to issue circulars in accordance with the laws of the United States Navy Department and the United States Army, for the information of applicants; and that this Commission give a printed report at every meeting of the General Council.

HOWARD E. SNYDER, *Chairman.*

EDWIN F. KEEVER.

C. E. BRAUNE.

J. RICHARD OLSON.

FRANK M. RITER.

The report was accepted, and in view of former action on War Work, it was

Resolved, That the Committee on Chaplains be discharged with the thanks of the Council for their efficient services.

The Committee on Arbitration reported, but argument arising on the Butte case, it was, on motion of the Rev. Dr. Gehr, unanimously

Resolved, That the matter be recommitted to the Committee, and opportunity be given for further conference with the Boards involved.

See the next Session.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Hoffmann, it was

Resolved, That the expenses of the railroad fare of the delegates from the Nova Scotia, Pacific, Manitoba, and Old Texas Synods be paid out of the Treasury of the General Council.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Trabert, it was

Resolved, That the election of the committees take place this evening.

After the Lord's Prayer, the Convention adjourned.

MONDAY EVENING SESSION

HOLY COMMUNION PARISH HOUSE,
Monday, October 28, 8 P. M.

The Eighth and final Business Session was opened with prayer by the Rev. George Gebert, D.D., of Tamaqua, Pa.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. C. M. Jacobs, it was

Resolved, That any rules that may exist to the contrary be suspended, and that the President appoint the various committees for the ensuing bi-ennium.

REPORT OF TELLERS

The Rev. Mr. Holl reported the election of the following Boards:

I. TRUSTEES OF GENERAL COUNCIL.—Rev. Theodore E. Schmauk, D.D., LL.D., Rev. Prof. Henry Offermann, D.D., Hon. William H. Staake, E. Augustus Miller, Esq., Prof. Samuel P. Sadtler, Ph.D., LL.D., William H. Hager, Rev. Edward F. Ritter, Prof. Elmer F. Krauss, Lewis M. Nelson.

II. BOARD OF ENGLISH HOME MISSIONS.—Rev. John E. Whitteker, D.D., E. Augustus Miller, Esq., Rev. George W. Sandt, D.D., William H. Hager, Frank D. Bittner, John B. Franke, Rev. Charles J. Smith, D.D., Rev. William A. Snyder, D.D.

III. BOARD OF GERMAN HOME MISSIONS.—Rev. Emil Hoffmann, D.D., Rev. Emil J. Kraeling, Rev. Gustave A. Benze, D.D., Martin Wulff, Rev. H. D. E. Siebott, Rev. C. Reinhold Tappert, Rev. H. C. Schmieder, Rev. Philip Kirchner, Rev. Oscar Krauch, Frederick Kracke, George Anger, Peter Woll, Jr., John A. Prigge.

IV. BOARD OF SWEDISH HOME MISSIONS.—Rev. Lawrence A. Johnston, D.D., Rev. Gustave A. Brandelle, D.D., Rev. Ulrik Ronnquist, Prof. Claude W. Foss, Ph.D., Rev. Nels J. Forsberg, Christian A. Larson, Rev. Prof. Carl A. Blomgren, Ph.D., C. H. Godehn, Rev. Jonas E. Rydbäck, Oliver P. Olson.

V. BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.—Rev. Reinhold C. G. Bielinski, Rev. Prof. Lars H. Beck, Ph.D., Rev. Prof. Swen G. Youngert, D.D., Rev. Prof. C. Theodore Benze, D.D., Rev. Augustus Steimle, D.D., William F. Monroe, James M. Snyder, Prof. Claude W. Foss, Ph.D.

VI. BOARD OF MISSIONS FOR PORTO RICO AND LATIN AMERICA.—For Four Years: Rev. Edmund Belfour, D.D., Rev. Morton Parson, Rev. Benjamin F. Hankey, Joseph S. Seaman, Sr., William Steinmeyer, John B. Kaercher.

For Two Years: Rev. J. B. Bernhard, Rev. Adam J. Holl, Rev. C. O. Thunberg, Charles W. Fuhr, J. Warren Hunter, H. A. Johnson.

VII. BOARD OF PUBLICATION.—For Four Years: Rev. Geo. C. F. Haas, D.D., Prof. Samuel P. Sadtler, Ph.D., LL.D., James N. Mohr, George E. Schlegelmilch, Esq., Mr. George D. Boschen.

For Two Years: Rev. Nathan R. Melhorn, D.D.

VIII. BOARD OF IMMIGRANT MISSIONS.—Martin Wulff, Rev. Geo. C. F. Haas, D.D., Rev. Daniel W. Peterson, Frederick Kracke, Rev. John A. Weyl, Rev. John J. Heischmann, D.D., Rev. Allen L. Benner, Rev. Fritz O. Evers, Rev. Jacob W. Loch, Ph.D., Rev. Herman D. Kraeling, Rev. Frederick Sutter, Rev. A. L. Ramer, Ph.D., Otto Lindemann, Peter Doerr, Charles Bruening.

IX. BOARD OF SLAV AND HUNGARIAN MISSIONS.—For four years: Rev. Wilson M. Rehrig, Ph.D., Rev. Earnest A. Trabert, Rev. Gustave A. Benze, D.D., Thomas L. Schaeffer, H. E. Young, Warren Roberts.

For Two Years: Rev. George Gebert, D.D., Rev. Albert D. Dianiska, Rev. G. H. Tappert, Rev. Frank E. Jensen, Rev. H. E. Erbes, R. J. Sauttor.

X. BOARD OF EDUCATION.—Rev. H. Douglas Spaeth, D.D., Rev. Ernst P. Pfatteicher, Ph.D., Rev. Prof. Charles M. Jacobs, D.D., Rev. Prof. George H. Gerberding, D.D., LL.D., Rev. Prof. Elmer F. Krauss, D.D., Rev. Augustus Steimle, D.D., Rev. Prof. Henry W. Elson, Ph.D., Rev. Prof. Peter Froeberg.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the report of the Tellers be accepted and the committee discharged with thanks.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Committee on Conducting Elections be discharged with thanks.

Rev. Earnest A. Trabert reported on the Abstracts of Minutes. See First Session.

Rev. Dr. Frick presented the

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RELIGIOUS WORK IN UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES

In these strenuous days, when conservation has become a watchword in American life and activity, it should not be necessary to emphasize the strategic importance of holding the coming leaders of men true to their Church and to the Church's Lord. In the light of much in our higher institutions of learning that makes against Christ and Christianity, it becomes very apparent, that, as we conserve the educational and commercial leaders of this generation to their Church, so shall we sustain the Church of the generation that is to follow. Our Church's influence and

prestige among the religious forces of America depend upon the extent to which we keep pace with other denominations in this great work for the Church of tomorrow.

The work done during the biennium should be its own best commentary.

At Minneapolis.—The work at this important educational centre is in charge of the Rev. C. A. Wendell, who is doing excellent work. He has shown himself the right man for the place. The congregation which he is serving in connection with his work as University Pastor, has recently built a beautiful and well-arranged \$30,000 church close to the University campus. The hundreds of Lutheran students enrolled at the University have been given pastoral oversight, and have been directed to the churches of their respective synods. By lectures, addresses, Bible Class work, and personal visitation, Pastor Wendell has done much good among these Lutheran students. Among the social functions, the *Students' Luncheon* has now become a successful annual affair.

At Madison.—The work at Madison, so ably carried on for some years by Pastor H. R. Gold, is now in charge of the Rev. H. E. Snyder, formerly pastor in Kingston, N. Y. Since coming to the University, Pastor Snyder has taken a firm grip upon the work there. Arrangements are under way for the erection of a greater Luther Memorial Church in the near future, the cost approximately \$100,000, and a campaign to raise that amount was successfully launched in Madison and will be extended throughout the State and beyond. During the sessions of the University an average of eighty-five students attended morning services. The student class in religion had an average attendance of ninety. Thus a large proportion of the 641 Lutheran students at Wisconsin came under this pastor's influence. A careful registration of all Lutheran students is being kept, and their spiritual interests are looked after by Pastor Snyder.

At Philadelphia.—For several years work has been carried on in a general way at the University of Pennsylvania (whose commanding position in a great Lutheran city and State is well recognized) by local pastors, and especially under the auspices of a diligent local committee. With their full consent and co-operation, and that of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania, we have now taken over this work and have placed the Rev. Carolus P. Harry, formerly of Reading, Pa., in charge of it. Pastor Harry has taken hold of the work with great energy and good results are bound to follow. As this eastern expansion of our work opens a new chapter, we deem it wise to quote from the Minutes of the great Mother Synod some extracts showing her enlightened and aggressive policy and her thorough sympathy with the General Council's endeavor to place our Church abreast of any other in caring for professors and students of Lutheran birth, and offering to University men of all ranks safe spiritual anchorage. President H. A. Weller, in his 1917 report to the Ministerium of Pennsylvania, referred at length to the subject.

The Committee on President's report, of which President John Haas, D.D., was Chairman, presented the following, which was adopted:

"1. We thankfully recognize the spiritual care now being given Lutheran students in non-Lutheran institutions by some of our pastors and congregations, and we recommend that the Ministerium express its gratitude to the pastors and congregations that have undertaken this work.

"2. We commend the survey which the President of the Ministerium has made during the past year in reference to the spiritual care of Lutheran students in non-Lutheran institutions.

"3. We approve the effort of the General Council Committee on Student Work in Universities and Colleges in calling a pastor for the field in Pennsylvania, and we recommend that the work be carried on in this manner under the oversight of the President of the Ministerium and in co-operation with our own educational institutions, in order that there may be harmony of effort and unity of purpose in all our educational work.

"4. We further recommend that our Lutheran students in Preparatory and Normal schools be sought out and provision made to minister to them."

In New York.—We refer to the Abstract of the New York and New England Synod for the happy development of its work at Cornell University, and regard it as one of the most out-standing testimonies to the value of this Twentieth Century method of missionating, that its Committee has ventured to call to this University pastorate a prominent pastor of New York City, none other than the President of the Synod, the Rev. Wm. M. Horn, and that he has accepted the office.

Merger Propositions.—Touching the resolution, Minutes 1915, p. 276, contemplating a merger between the Board of Education and our Committee, we have felt constrained to abide by our former position that under existing circumstances the University work is best done by a separate committee.

But circumstances are apt to change, and the question has already arisen, what will be the status of this University work when the contemplated merger of the three General Bodies will have been effected. The Chairman has personally and by letter canvassed the matter with leading and representative General Synod men, and has the uniform assurance that in the United Lutheran Church there will be found no more valiant defenders and advocates of this cause than the General Synod contingent. This work will be one of the crown jewels of the United Church, and with the awakening of our American Church to its vital necessity we doubt not that it is destined to rapid expansion throughout the Union in the next decade.

Finances.—The apportionment for the biennium was \$8,800; but only about half of this amount has been received. Of this amount far the

greater part came into our hands during the last year of the biennium, thus making the earlier beginning of work at other centers somewhat problematical; also accounting in part for the somewhat large balance. And, of course, of the apportionment of the last year a large part has not even yet reached us.

On this account, in part, we held in abeyance the employment of a Field or Extension Secretary, which will become imperative under the expanded work of the United Lutheran Church.

Our finances may be summarized as follows:

Balance when report for last Convention was made, Aug. 13,	
1915	\$1,343 73

Receipts during the biennium:

From Ministerium of Pennsylvania	\$1,081 30
From Augustana Synod	1,000 00
From Synod of the Northwest	915 71
From Pittsburgh Synod	796 39
From District Synod of Ohio	523 00
From New York and New England Synod..	41 90
From Synod of Central Canada	34 00

4,392 30

Interest on Deposit	30 69
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Total	\$5,766 72
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Expenditures during the biennium:

To Rev. H. R. Gold, Salary	\$ 216 65
To Rev. C. A. Wendell, Salary	1,216 65
To Rev. H. E. Snyder, Salary	850 00
For General Expenses	549 28

\$2,832 58

Balance, October 15, 1917	\$2,934 14
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RECOMMENDATIONS

We beg leave to make the following recommendations:

1. That the work be allowed to remain for the present in the hands of the Committee.

2. That the Synods be urged to pay the several apportionments in full, so that the Committee may be unhampered in sustaining and extending a work which is increasingly justified by experience, and that it may be handed over in a flourishing condition to the contemplated United Lutheran Church.

For the Committee,

WILLIAM K. FRICK, *Chairman.*

L. FRANKLIN GRUBER, *Secretary.*

REPORT OF AUDITING COMMITTEE ON RELIGIOUS WORK

We, as an Auditing Committee, have gone over the records of L. F. Gruber, as Treasurer for the funds on Religious Work in Universities and Colleges, covering the past two years' transactions from August 13, 1915, to October 15, 1917, and find the above statement to be correct, and the balance of the fund on hand to be as reported, \$2,934.14.

St. Paul, Minnesota.

October 23, 1917.

C. G. SCHULZ,
H. E. SAMUELSON.

The report, with its two resolutions, was adopted as a whole.

On motion of Mr. Wm. H. Hager, it was

Resolved, That the Committee on University Religious Work be authorized to engage a strong, energetic man, who will devote the coming year to the raising of \$50,000 for the erection of a University Church in Madison, Wis., and to the presentation of the vital importance and necessity of the Lutheran Church's engaging in developing and conserving the religious life of our Lutheran students in the great Universities.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to report on "The Lutheran" and "Der Deutsche Lutheraner."

Committee: Rev. Dr. A. Steimle, and Rev. W. L. Stough.

Later in the Session they reported the following:

"The Lutheran" and "Der Deutsche Lutheraner."

1. We rejoice that our journals are upholding the banner of our beloved country in this time of stress, and that they are ever striving more and more to illustrate in a concrete way the Lutheran doctrine of the separation of Church and State.

2. We recommend, in order that the news of all the churches may be accessible to the readers of both papers, a policy of co-operation, which can easily be carried out, and will widen the horizon of both and enhance their popularity.

3. We record with gratification the enterprise of "The Lutheran" in publishing the beautiful, educative, and comprehensive Jubilee number that appeared during this Convention.

A. STEIMLE,
W. L. STOUGH.

The Rev. Dr. Kunzmann presented the

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE MEETING OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL ON THE PACIFIC COAST IN 1919

DEAR BRETHREN:—During the eighth session at the Toledo Convention of the General Council, (Minutes, pages 195-196) the present Chairman of the Committee offered a set of resolutions looking to the holding of the General Council Convention in 1919 on the Pacific Coast, and the appointing of a Committee to report on ways and means for its accomplishment. The Committee was appointed with the Rev. J. A. W. Haas, D.D., Chairman (page 196). That Committee never had a meeting and never made a report as such.

When a report was called for under unfinished business at the 1915 Convention at Rock Island the second member of the Committee secured special privilege to lay a more extensive program than was at first proposed before the Council, and, on motion of the Rev. J. E. Whitteker, D.D. (page 277), a new committee was appointed.

The plan as then outlined contemplated the union of all our Lutheran bodies who could be induced to confer with reference to such union; the devotion of from six weeks to two months' time during July and August for a Convention of the delegates of the various bodies, the insuring of their presence so that the work of union could be assured of completion by being ratified by the bodies themselves before adjournment; the study of the questions of the Twentieth Century, Biblical, historical, social, and political, in relation to the principles enunciated in the Sixteenth Century, by the leaders of our Church as thus assembled; the survey of the mission and obligation of our Lutheran Church in America, North and South, to its political divisions collectively and separately and to the other nations of the world; and finally the presentation of the claims of the Lutheran Church to the people of the territory in which the churches represented are located. The whole scheme was based on the firm conviction, that, if the representatives of the various bodies of the Lutheran Church could be brought and held together for a sufficient time, the union of the principal parts of our Lutheran Church in America could be accepted, and, if our representatives could see the vastness of our country and study together our world mission, they would see anew and larger our opportunities and obligations to America and the world, and be in a position to make a commanding presentation.

This was to be accomplished by arrangements with all the transcontinental railroads for special rates and special privileges, so that each representative would upon his journey's end have crossed the entire continent and see whatever of the principal sights he desired—Glaciers, Yosemite, Yellow-Stone Park, Grand Canon of Arizona, and the Canadian Rockies. Secondly, the chartering of a ship from New York to Seattle which would

be connected with the mainland by wireless and through the Associated Press keep the world informed of the important transactions daily. On the ship the General Council, General Synod, and United Synod South, and whatever other bodies might be represented, could each hold their sessions, separately and jointly as occasion demanded, in the morning. In the afternoon the various questions: Biblical, historical, social and political, which are now agitating the world and how to satisfy them by the principles of the faith, could be discussed at a free conference. In the evening, in an open parliament, specialists, laymen and clergymen, would address the audience on Home, Inner and Foreign Missions and on special investigations in various lines.

As this would be two years after the Quadri-Centennial, it was thought that there might be not only a better opportunity to present Lutheranism to the people of America and the world than in 1917, but also that the discussions of the Quadri-Centennial year would call attention to some new phases to be presented. It was contemplated to select a number of sets of speakers, one set to return from Seattle along each of the trans-continental lines, such as the Canadian Pacific, Great Northern, Northern Pacific, Union Pacific, Southern Pacific, etc., and according to fixed time and prearranged program address the people of the leading cities on their way to the East. The first set would address the meeting to be held in New York City on an evening before the departure of the vessel, the second a gathering at Charleston, S. C., the third at San Diego, the fourth at Los Angeles, the fifth at San Francisco, the sixth at Portland and the seventh at Seattle. By the time the vessel arrived at Seattle, we believe the union would have been consummated; the delegates would have studied together the entire Twentieth Century problem of the Lutheran Church and by the time each returned to his home, he would have been impressed with the bigness of our land and the magnitude of our work.

We had taken into consideration the financing of the project. We calculated that the complete trip for each delegate could be kept within \$350.00—the railroad and ship expenses, not sightseeing, and that each delegate could choose the route by which he desired to return and the places of importance to be visited.

As most of the pastors and laymen who would be sent as delegates to such a convention often take as a vacation from two weeks to two months, we would ask each delegate to pay personally \$100.00. We would ask all congregations whose pastors or lay delegates were sent as representatives of any of the bodies to pay, if possible, the full expenses of the trip, \$350.00. It was calculated that this would provide a fund to assist in meeting the difference between the \$100 paid by each representative and the \$350 necessary for the trip for such delegates—Professors, General Church Agents, etc.—as were not serving congregations. What could not be thus secured we were assured would be provided by the progressive and liberal laymen of the Church.

This project was taken up by the secular and religious press as some-

thing decidedly novel, and by the sober-minded it was considered practical, i. e., if put into effect it would accomplish the great purpose contemplated. We had specially enlisted Mr. E. Clarence Miller and Hon. John L. Zimmerman in this project, who had pledged considerable financial help. We had made careful inquiry concerning the chartering of a vessel, but found that in the present crisis, none could be secured at any reasonable price at least until the war was over. Besides, at the meeting of the Quadri-Centennial Committee held in Philadelphia on the 18th day of April of this year, the proposition for establishment of the United Lutheran Church of America was proposed on the initiative of the two laymen specially interested in the project and is attended with every prospect of success. Whilst we are still more convinced that the leading feature of this plan could be profitably used for a still larger union of our Lutheran forces, for a more effective study of national and world conditions and obligations, a more forcible presentation of the claims of our Lutheran Church to our nation and to the world; yet in view of the facts above mentioned, we ask that the present Committee be discharged. We hope, however, that the objects had in view will not be lost sight of, but be realized in the way proposed or in some other. Our leaders need to understand the times and to know what Israel ought to do and do it together.

J. C. KUNZMANN, *Chairman*.

GUSTAV A. ANDREEN.

CARL J. SOEDERGREN.

GOTTLIEB C. BERKEMEIER.

GEO. F. C. HAAS.

LAWRENCE A. JOHNSTON.

CHAS. L. WARSTLER.

A. F. ELMQUIST.

M. E. BOULTON.

GEO. B. PIFER.

JACOB MAURER.

A. C. ANDA.

WM. H. HAGER.

FREDERICK HENRICH.

JOHN M. SNYDER.

A. C. ALBRECHT.

E. AUG. MILLER.

CHAS. SCHIMMELFENG.

JOHN B. KAERCHER.

J. H. AXLINE.

MARTIN L. DECK.

JOHN B. FRANKE.

GRANT HULTBERG.

W. S. T. DERR.

F. D. BITTNER

On motion of the Rev. Dr. H. E. Jacobs, it was

Resolved, That the consideration of this report be indefinitely postponed.

REPORT OF TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

To secure the best concessions from the various Passenger Associations and to do the thorough work necessary to properly acquaint the Church with the arrangements, the Transportation Committee should be at work at least six months prior to the date of the convention. Your Committee had no such advantage, and hence the final arrangements were announced too late, we fear, to have done much good. Nevertheless, we beg to report that the Trunk Line Association, and the Central Passenger Associa-

tion granted a rate of two cents a mile on round trip tickets with a minimum of one dollar for the round trip and with the customary selling dates and return limit.

The B. & O. R. R. Co. had agreed to run from Chicago a General Council Special Train if a certain number of tickets for same were purchased, and with the assistance of the Railroad Companies officials we put forth determined efforts in that direction, but as many of the delegates left earlier or otherwise had their preferences we had to be satisfied with two special Pullman sleepers attached to the regular train.

We recommend that a vote of thanks be extended to the Trunk Line Association, C. L. Hunter, Vice Chairman, 143 Liberty Street, New York; to the Central Passenger Association, C. A. Fox, Secretary, Transportation Building, Harrison and Dearborn Streets, Chicago, for granting the reduced rate.

We recommend also that a vote of thanks be extended to Baltimore and Ohio R. R. Co., Paul C. Benedict, District Passenger Agent, 236 South Clark Street, Chicago, for valuable assistance rendered and for kind and courteous treatment accorded alike the Transportation Committee and the delegates who left Chicago in the special Pullman sleepers.

Respectfully submitted,

THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE.

A. C. ANDA, *Chairman.*

The report, with its two recommendations, was adopted as a whole.

Resolved, That this report, with its recommendations of thanks to the persons named, be adopted, and the expenses incurred by the committee, be paid out of the General Council treasury.

Rev. Dr. H. E. Jacobs presented the following

REPORT ON THE REAFFIRMATION OF REFORMATION PRINCIPLES

The Committee on the Principles of the Reformation as applicable to the present Quadri-Centennial Celebration respectfully recommends the following:

Resolved, That this General Council, assembled at the Four Hundredth Anniversary of the Reformation, and at the close of fifty years of its own history, solemnly re-affirms and confesses the Principles of the Protestant Reformation as embodied in the Confessions of our Church, especially the doctrines of the sole authority of the Holy Scriptures, of the Person, Offices, and Work of Christ, of salvation wholly by grace and Justification by Faith alone, of the efficacy of the Holy Spirit through the Word and Sacraments, of the Church as the congregation of saints and true be-

lievers, and of the Universal Brotherhood of believers, as requiring no modification or amendment because of any supposed progress of more recent years. We pledge ourselves anew to teach and defend them against all errors, whether of olden or of modern times.

HENRY E. JACOBS,
CARL J. PETRI,
JOHN A. W. HAAS.

This paper was adopted unanimously by a rising vote.

Rev. Dr. H. E. Jacobs presented the

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BOARD RELATIONS

The Committee appointed at the last meeting of the General Council to recommend action with reference to the relations of the Boards of the Council to organizations of a general character outside of our Church respectfully recommends,

Inasmuch as the Constitution of the United Lutheran Church in America provides, in its Board of Adjudication, for the regulation of all questions involved,

Resolved, That, pending action on said Constitution by the District Synods, the further consideration of the subject be deferred.

H. E. JACOBS,
H. W. ROTH,
W. M. HORN.

The report was adopted, thereby deferring consideration.

Concerning the request of the Committee on Evangelism, authorized at the 1915 Convention (Min. 1915, p. 292; Committee p. 328), through its chairman, Dr. H. E. Jacobs, to be discharged, it was, on motion of Dr. Charles M. Jacobs,

Resolved, That the committee of twenty-seven be discharged, and that a committee of nine be appointed to report at the next meeting of the General Council.

Committee: Rev. Prof. Henry E. Jacobs, D.D., LL.D., Rev. Prof. Carl J. Soedergren, Rev. George W. Sandt, D.D., Rev. Prof. Elmer F. Krauss, D.D., Rev. William K. Frick, D.D., Rev. I. B. Kurtz, D.D., Prof. Carl Esbjorn, Mr. William S. Mohr, Reuben D. Wenrich, M.D.

Rev. Dr. C. J. Petri, of Minneapolis, was called upon for a general statement of the attitude of the Augustana Synod in its relations to the General Council and the contemplated Merger.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Reed, it was

Resolved, That the name of the Church Book Committee be changed to Common Service Book Committee.

The Rev. Dr. Ohl presented the

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHURCH ARCHITECTURE

Eight meetings of the Committee were held during the biennium: October 9, 1915; January 5, February 25, June 2, June 20, 1916, and January 23, 1917, in the office of Prof. Laird in the University of Pennsylvania; October 8, 1917, in the University of Pennsylvania, and November 22, 1915, in the office of Mr. Rommel. While it has not been possible for the members of the Committee living at great distances to attend these meetings, eight of the thirteen members of the Committee attended nearly all the meetings, and the judgment of the others has been sought in some instances by correspondence.

Plans submitted to the Committee were considered and acted upon as follows:

Plans for the church in Fremont, Ohio, the Rev. E. F. Marker, pastor, were examined by the Committee, but were returned without suggestions, inasmuch as contracts for building had been signed and the work of erection was well under way before the Committee was formally constituted by the General Council.

Plans for St. Andrew's, Brooklyn, N. Y., the Rev. Orlando S. Yerger, pastor, were considered, and the Committee advised a different treatment of the entrance steps in order to prevent congestion, a rearrangement of space in the chancel in order to provide additional space for communicants as well as for vestry room, organ and choir. A different treatment of the side elevation was also suggested, and a change recommended in the construction and form of the basement windows, in order to secure greater simplicity of effect.

Plans and specifications were considered for the Church of the Resurrection, Halifax, Nova Scotia, the Rev. Milton J. Bieber, D.D., pastor, and the Committee suggested a re-designing of the church on an oblong instead of a square plan, and in the general style of the frame churches of New England; suggesting also a smaller seating capacity at present with the possibility of future extension at one end or by means of transepts. The suggestions were made in the interests of economy, attractiveness, and harmony with the style prevalent in the locality.

Plans for a Mission Chapel at Rutledge, Delaware county, Pa., presented by the Rev. U. S. G. Bertolet, were approved with slight modifications as to detail, and as these plans had not been prepared by an architect but by a builder, the Committee resolved "to advise against the submitting of plans by other than architects, because of the protection to owners by having an architect supervise construction and interpret contracts."

Plans for the new church building for the Church of the Atonement, Asbury Park, N. J., were presented during a vacancy in the pastorate by Mr. van Gilluwe. The Committee advised the construction of an entirely

new church building, if possible, or, if impossible, the removal of the old building from both street fronts and a merger with a new building; and the exercise of care in the selection of an architect of proved competency and integrity.

Under later developments the suggestions of the Committee were not followed, and plans were subsequently submitted by the Rev. Walter H. Grunow for rebuilding the old church. The Committee, after careful consideration, reported adversely on these plans because of their impracticability as far as treatment of tower and entrance, arrangement of organ loft and chancel were concerned, and because of decided deficiency in architectural character and improper features of construction. The Committee also recommended that the work be entrusted to a different architect, and the pastor was advised that the erection of the structure as proposed would reflect most unfavorably upon him and his congregation. The earnest and disinterested advice of the Committee was disregarded, the plans were carried out, though against the earnest protest also of some members of the congregation. In view of these circumstances, and because of the action of the General Council at its last meeting, which required approval of plans of mission congregations by the Committee on Church Architecture, the Home Mission Board withdrew its further support from the congregation.

The Committee heartily and unanimously approved the excellent plans for church and parsonage submitted by the Church of the Holy Communion, Harrisburg, the Rev. John Henry Miller, pastor.

The plans for church and parish building submitted by St. Simeon's Church, Eighth and Lucerne streets, Philadelphia, the Rev. C. L. Reiser, pastor, were also heartily approved, certain suggestions being made with reference to a possible better use of the ground available for the church and a somewhat different treatment of the chancel and space for choir.

The advice of the Committee was requested by the Rev. W. S. Langhans, of Holy Trinity Church, Greenville, Pa., with reference to plans for a new church. The Committee cordially approved the exterior elevations, but, finding certain discrepancies in the drawings, recommended a re-study of certain features, suggesting particularly a wider chancel, better provision for choir, an improved roof construction and the elimination of an inner vestibule and open gallery stairs.

The advice of the Committee being requested by the Rev. George Drach, General Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions, concerning a very elementary plan drawn by one of the missionaries for a proposed chapel for the hospital at Rajahmundry, India, the chairman of the Committee and Prof. Laird, after consultation, disapproved of the plan because of design and incompleteness, and recommended the employment of a technically qualified architect or engineer and the use of an architectural style definitely associated with the Christian faith.

The Committee considered detailed drawings of the design for Parish Building and parsonage, and a general plan to show possibilities of a

Church structure as part of the group for Gloria Dei Church to be built on the Boulevard, Philadelphia, the Rev. Walter C. Sandt, pastor. The design for Parish Building and parsonage and its proposed location were heartily approved, but several suggestions, however, were made by the Committee with reference to modifying the treatment of the second story over the entrance to the Parish Building, in order to avoid a competition in motives between this feature and the proposed future transept of the Church; and also a slight modification of the temporary Chancel arrangements.

Correspondence with Dr. Ohl and Prof. Laird by the Rev. J. H. Streng, of Holy Trinity Church, Lebanon, Pa., which congregation had sought the advice of the Committee concerning procedure in the matter of a new church building, and the desire of the Committee to organize certain phases of its work uniformly throughout the country, led to the preparation of a "Letter to Church Building Committees on the Selection of an Architect" and a "Questionnaire for the Use of Building Committees in Determining, with the Advice of the Committee on Church Architecture, Upon the Selection of an Architect." These were printed, and will be used when the Committee's advice is sought in the choice of an architect for any specific work. The Committee will not recommend individual architects, but, when desired, it will give local building committees the names of a number of architects of best repute practicing within a working radius of the proposed operation. The Committee will also aid local committees who desire to select an architect from several whose names are under consideration without resorting to a competition. By means of the "Questionnaire" the Committee will pass on the professional ability and standing of the several architects and will commend three or more of the best to the local committee, which can then make a selection with the assurance that their architect will not only be professionally competent, but one of the best of the candidates.

In addition to these items reported above, which represent formal action by the Committee, letters of inquiry concerning a great variety of subjects, details of arrangement, choice of architect, decoration, chancel furniture, suggested literature on Church Architecture, etc., etc., were answered personally by the Chairman and the Secretary, as follows:

By the Chairman: Correspondence with the Revs. W. H. Shepfer, Defiance, O.; Andrew Engeset, Everett, Wash.; J. A. Boord, Lammertine, Pa.; S. D. Meyers, Doylestown, O.; D. F. Green, Allentown, Pa.; L. L. Huffman, Tom's Brook, Va.; Wilson Yeisley, Greenville, Pa.; James F. Deal, Ceres, Va., and H. D. Whitteker, Derry, Pa.

By the Secretary: Correspondence with the Revs. Aaron D. Smith, Lancaster, Pa.; H. S. Kidd, Womelsdorf, Pa.; Prof. A. R. Wentz, Ph.D., Gettysburg, Pa.; H. C. Brillhart, Leetonia, O.; W. W. Kennerly, Alliance, O.; J. A. Timm, New Haven, Conn., and A. F. Keller, New Haven, Conn.

The expenses of the Committee for printing, supplies and postage amounted to \$34.83.

By reason of its knowledge of established standards and principles of Church Architecture, and especially because of the technical ability and experience of its professional members, whose valuable time and advice are freely given to this work without compensation, the Committee is in a position to render purely disinterested and most valuable service to pastors and building committees throughout the Church.

By action of the General Council at its last meeting, all Missions receiving aid are required to submit their plans to the Committee for approval before building, but the Committee also holds itself in readiness to advise with pastors and committees of established congregations in all matters within its province, and suggests the importance of the submission of the first pencil sketches of floor plan and perspective in order that suggested modifications and improvements may be incorporated before final plans are completed.

The committee recommends that the following be made the action of this body:

Resolved, That we request the District Synods to incorporate in their printed minutes the action of the General Council in 1915 establishing the status of the committee (Minutes, 1915, p. 295), and so much of the present report as may serve to inform congregations regarding the manner in which the committee is prepared to aid congregations.

Resolved, That the Committee on Ways and Means, to which all questions pertaining to the merger are referred, be directed to provide for the appointment of a Committee on Church Architecture by the united body.

Respectfully submitted, for the Committee,

J. F. OHL, *Chairman*.

L. D. REED, *Secretary*.

The report, with its recommendations, was adopted as a whole.

The Rev. Dr. Ohl presented the

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHURCH MUSIC AND MUSICIANS

Two years ago the Committee on Church Music and Musicians reported that, in order to facilitate the introduction and use of the new Common Service Book and Hymnal, it was its intention, as soon as the Book appeared, to arrange for a series of convocations at which the liturgical music and the congregational hymn tunes would be considered and illustrated. It was the Committee's expectation that before another meeting of the General Council the Book would be in the hands of our pastors and people, but on account of a multitude of unforeseen difficulties this expectation was not realized. The Book has, however, now

so nearly reached completion that plans are already under way for the holding of convocations at quite a number of important Lutheran centres, at which it is hoped to gather together pastors, organists, choir members and others, irrespective of synodical connection. At these gatherings it is the intention, not only to elucidate the principles upon which the musical part of the new Book was constructed, but also by having choirs prepare the music in advance, to show practically how the liturgical music should be sung, and, in connection with a sketch of the development of congregational singing, to give illustrations of the best hymn tunes, old and new. It is hoped that in this manner the speedy and general introduction of the Book may be furthered, and a uniform use established.

As none of the appropriation made two years ago was used, the Committee, in view of what it means to do, again asks for a sum not to exceed \$300.

THE COMMITTEE.

The report was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Wm. H. Hager, it was

Resolved, That the sum of \$500 be appropriated to the Committee on Music, etc.

The Rev. Dr. Mehrkam presented the

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON JEWISH MISSION WORK

In its supervision of the General Council's Jewish Mission Station, located at the corner of Logan and Franklin streets, in the city of Pittsburgh, your Committee has been governed by three leading convictions. One of these is the assurance that it is our Redeemer's purpose to have His Gospel proclaimed to the Jews as well as to the Gentiles. Another conviction is the unquestioning belief that the Word of God is vital seed, And another is the unreserved confidence the Committee has in the sincerity of purpose, tactfulness, good judgment, fine intelligence, and living Christian faith of its Missionary, the Rev. John Legum.

The methods followed in the conduct of our Mission have not been materially changed since the inception of the work. By common admission of men of experience in this branch of Christian Missions, no attempt to deal with the Jews in mass will produce definite results. Such a procedure can at most be merely introductory to the fruitful work of personal conference. The desires, prejudices, problems, and actual spiritual needs of the Jews are so diverse that it becomes practically impossible for a preacher to individualize his message sufficiently or come to close quarters with a promiscuous audience. Nevertheless, our Missionary does not altogether discard this method of addressing public gatherings

in the Mission Hall or on the street. He believes he has succeeded by this means in arousing curiosity and inducing men to seek personal interviews with him.

The method on which he relies most of all is conversations and systematic instruction of small groups, and, more particularly, of individual inquirers who are often led to him in mysterious, providential ways. As a result, the greater part of his busy life is spent in personal appeals and pastoral guidance given at private meetings. The number of these meetings and of the hours spent in different lines of instruction is registered by the figures furnished in his monthly reports; but the spiritual significance of these figures is one of those hidden facts it would be rash to attempt to measure or register.

The Mission has become an attractive meeting-place for the Jewish youth and children of the neighborhood. Devoted women of our Pittsburgh churches, experienced teachers, and the Missionary himself have conducted classes in sewing and kindergarten work or directed recreation circles in the Mission Hall. Activities of this nature have, however, been limited to short and irregular seasons because of the difficulty to secure steady assistance of volunteer workers, and latterly on account of the jealous insistence of Jewish neighbors on the Mission's literal compliance with certain laws regarding the physical equipment of school buildings. Such obstacles have not, however, arrested the interest of the children. They continue to visit the Hall on odd occasions and for special services, and thus remain under the influence of the Missionary's timely Christian counsel. Juvenile library privileges are also accorded on a small scale to these young friends of the Mission. And it is the fond boast of Rev. Legum that not infrequently Jewish High School lads reveal their confidence by imposing on his good nature when Euclid or Donatus threaten to give them a nightmare, or, in their parlance, "get their goat."

A large measure of the favor and success with which the Mission is meeting is due to its reputation for a genuine spirit of benevolence. No needy Jew who has ever applied to the Missionary has been allowed to suffer for want of food or shelter. On many occasions Rev. Legum and his helpers have found work for unemployed men and befriended sick and helpless persons by taking them to the Passavant Hospital or other institutions. Thus a constant stream of charity is flowing from the Mission without any considerable drain on the treasury of the Committee.

In the course of such intimate work with neighbors and inquirers the Mission has become a vital center of interest for a group of upwards of fifty periodical adult visitors in addition to its baptized converts who now number about twenty. And it is the confident claim of Rev. Legum that, besides these direct and indirect adherents of the Mission, the Hebrew population of the Pittsburgh district contains several hundred persons, whom he classes as "Jews Interested in Christianity," and who owe their change of attitude toward the Gospel to the influence of our Mission.

Year by year the Mission has grown in favor. As an index of the

change of attitude of the Jewish community we mention the fact that, in arranging for a large public meeting last spring, the Missionary could with safety dispense with the customary precaution of asking the Police Commissioner to detail an officer for the meeting.

From the very beginning of this undertaking special attention has been paid to the training of young men for Christian work. In order to accomplish this purpose more fully two rooms adjoining the Mission Hall have been rented and improved accommodations are now afforded for private conferences and study and lodging of prospective workers. For more than a year a convert remained under the Missionary's instruction and was retained as his regular assistant. The Hall could thus be kept open every day and evening, and visitors were always sure to get the benefit of contact with an intelligent Christian witness and counsellor. With some assistance on the part of the Committee the Missionary was also enabled to carry out his purpose to give additional educational opportunities to two converts. And at the present time two men are living at the Mission, and are taking a course of training under Rev. Legum's guidance with the expectation of preparing for a theological course and for future service as ordained missionaries. Another convert, whose interests have been linked with our Mission for a number of years, is teaching in the University of Oklahoma, and, according to his assurances to the Committee, entertains the hope of entering a Seminary so soon as his circumstances permit.

Encouraging as the progress and influence of the Mission have been, your Committee realizes that it has made only a feeble beginning of the General Council's future missionary operations among the sons of Israel. We need to strengthen our Pittsburgh Mission and to provide modern equipment which will command the respect and attention of Jews and Gentiles. We need new stations in other Jewish centers in Philadelphia, New York, and elsewhere. We need more missionaries so that we may place them in charge of stations which must be opened. These missionaries must be found from among our young Jewish converts, fully tested and thoroughly trained.

This means that we need a training-school for Jewish missionaries and workers. The Jewish youth that turns to Christ needs the protecting and loving care of the Church. He is not wanted by either Jew or Gentile. Such a school would be a place of refuge where he might be cared for, instructed, and trained to become an efficient worker for Christ and His Church, specifically among those of his own race.

As the Church enlarges its vision and furnishes the means the work will be pushed until we have the cause of Jewish Missions on a basis that will command the respect of the Church.

The Committee therefore offers the following recommendations:

1. *Resolved*, That the General Council hereby renew its purpose to pay its debt of gratitude to the Lord for the salvation which has been brought to the Gentiles through the ministry of the Jews.

2. That pastors of Jewish converts be requested to furnish this Committee their names and addresses.

3. That the Committee be hereby requested to enlarge its operations by increased expenditure for the preparation of future missionaries, by purchasing property in Pittsburgh, and by establishing another Mission in Philadelphia.

4. That the General Council make an appropriation of \$10,000 for the next biennium and request its Finance and Budget Committee to apportion this amount to the several constituent Synods.

The Treasurer's Report is appended herewith.

The Report of the Treasurer of the Jewish Mission Committee

For the Biennium from July 10, 1915, to July 1, 1917.

Moneys received from all sources during the Biennium	\$5,395 54
Balance in Treasury last Audit, July 10, 1915	734 44
Accrued interest on deposit	50 60
Total amount of all money on hand during Biennium	\$6,180 58
Disbursements of moneys during the Biennium	\$3,707 44
Balance	\$2,473 14

Receipts and Sources of Income

Pittsburgh Synod, Congregations and Societies	\$2,005 12
Ministerium of Pennsylvania, Congregations and Societies....	1,705 57
Augustana Synod, Congregations and Societies	686 15
Synod of the Northwest, Congregations and Societies	282 17
District Synod of Ohio, Congregations and Societies.....	233 51
Chicago Synod, Congregations and Societies	200 00
New York Ministerium, Congregations and Societies	90 65
New York & New England Synod, Congregations and Societies	88 88
Canada Synod, Congregations and Societies	41 98
Synod of Central Canada, Congregations and Societies	30 00
Nova Scotia Synod, Congregations and Societies	14 51
Independent Synods, Congregations and Societies	17 00
Accrued interest on deposit	50 60
Balance on hand at the beginning of the Biennium, July 10, 1915	734 44
Grand total, July 1, 1917	\$6,180 58

Disbursements

Missionary's salary from July 10, 1915, to July 1, 1917.....	\$1,916 59
Rent for building from July 10, 1915, to July 1, 1917	710 00
Expenses of Mission and helpers, July 10, 1915, to July 1, 1917	471 40
Student Sustentation Fund, July 10, 1915, to July 1, 1917	488 72

Traveling expenses for members of the Committee	\$ 59 50
Printing and Literature, July 10, 1915, to July 1, 1917	52 15
Miscellaneous, July 10, 1915, to July 1, 1917	9 08
Grand Total	\$3,707 44
Money on hand July 1, 1917	\$2,473 14

Respectfully submitted,

B. F. HANKEY, *Treasurer.*

We, the undersigned Auditing Committee, have examined the above report and find it correct. The accounts of the Treasurer are carefully kept and all vouchers properly preserved.

D. DILLMAN,

T. O. KEISTER,

Auditing Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

A. M. MEHRKAM, *Chairman.*

FRANK C. OBERLY, *Secretary.*

The report, with its four recommendations, was adopted as a whole.

The Rev. Dr. Keiter, of the Arbitration Committee, whose report was recommitted, presented unchanged the following

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ARBITRATION

Your Committee, to whom was referred the matter of the protest of the Home Mission Board of the Augustana Synod against the action of the English Home Mission Board of the General Council in undertaking to establish a mission in Butte, Montana, in the face of a protest from the Augustana Mission Board, would respectfully submit the following:

1. That your Committee has given the matter their most serious consideration and have carefully investigated the allegation of the protest above referred to.

2. That it is the judgment of your Committee that it has solely to do with the matter of the protest and has no authority to enter into any investigation as to the merits of the case itself.

3. That it is the judgment of your Committee that the protest is well grounded, inasmuch as the Home Mission Board of the General Council should not have proceeded in the matter in face of the protest before it had entered into a full and formal discussion of the situation with the Home Mission Board of the Augustana Synod.

4. We recommend that the Board of English Home Missions of the General Council be instructed to delay operations and enter into a fraternal consultation with the Augustana Home Mission Board with the view of amicably settling the matter in dispute.

5. That, in the event that such a fraternal conference shall fail to arrive at some amicable adjustment, the whole question be referred to a Board of Arbitration for final adjudication.

For the Committee,

W. D. C. KEITER, *Chairman*.

Report adopted.

The Rev. Dr. Ohl presented the

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON DEACONESS WORK

The Female Diaconate^e is one of the last matured fruits of the Reformation. Without the restoration of the Gospel and the apostolic doctrine of justification by faith, this service of the Church, rendered by women even in the days of Paul, could not have been revived in its essence, nor in its form have been adapted to modern conditions in a genuine evangelical spirit. It is, therefore, entitled to special consideration at this Quadri-centennial, and the more so, as it offers one of the most effective contributions toward the solution of the Church's problems in this twentieth century. The work of establishing the Evangelical Church four hundred years ago was left incomplete, when provision was made only for the training of men for the Gospel ministry to take the place of the Roman priests, but none for replacing the multitude of monks and nuns engaged in the vast works of charity. As a result, Protestantism has suffered ever since, not merely by odious comparison, but far more by a distinct loss of wonderful opportunities for the development of spiritual life among our people, for the alleviation of suffering, and for the extension of our Church's uplifting influence in the world. In her organized forces for works of charity, Rome still possesses a conquering army before which the unorganized efforts of Protestantism appear feeble and almost negligible. To overcome this disadvantage, no measure has been so effective as the revival of the diaconate about eighty years ago.

From beginnings in 1836, so unpromising that Romanists ridiculed and Protestants doubted, Theodor Fliedner, that zealous pastor at Kaiserswerth, with his inspiring vision and undaunted faith, led the way until today there are about 25,000 Protestant deaconesses, engaged in a ministry of mercy that extends to practically every form of human suffering. With the Kaiserswerth Conference 87 Motherhouses are connected, among them three of our Church in this country, Philadelphia, Baltimore, and Milwaukee. But there are also many small Motherhouses in various lands not connected with that organization, and doing excellent work. The Female Diaconate has taken root in most of the Protestant denominations, especially the Methodist, the number of whose Sisters is fully twice that of the Lutheran Church in this country. Within the General Council we have four Motherhouses: Philadelphia with 81 Sisters and 8 candidates, Omaha with 46 Sisters and 4 candidates, Milwaukee with 51, and St. Paul with 23 Sisters. Outside of the General Council one of the largest Motherhouses is that of the General Synod in Baltimore, which reports 50 Sisters and 8 candidates. The Norwegian Motherhouse in

Chicago has 61 Sisters and 2 candidates; of the other two Norwegian Motherhouses, Brooklyn has 18 Sisters and 2 candidates, and Minneapolis 31 Sisters. The Danish Motherhouse in Brush, Colorado, reports 4 Sisters and 2 candidates. This makes a total of 365 Sisters and 26 candidates, or one Sister to every 6,830 confirmed members of our Church in this country; in the General Council the ratio is one to 2,590, a proportion of which we have no reason to be proud. To meet the situation confronting us, this number should be more than twice as large. The plea for more young women for the diaconate has gone forth so often and so insistent, that we hesitate to repeat it; but because it has not been heeded by a larger number of our qualified young women, the Church's work is suffering today, and is waiting in vain for a development in keeping with the most urgent needs, and with the position the Lutheran Church already holds by virtue of her large membership and pure Scriptural doctrine as one of the most powerful religious forces in our country.

The causes for the comparatively slow development of the Female Diaconate are usually attributed to the diaconate itself, its form of organization and its regulation; but it is a remarkable fact that practically all who have become thoroughly familiar with the diaconate have ceased to criticise and have begun to advocate the cause. A number of excellent young women have also been won for the diaconate by having come into close contact with it as students or as patients. Though efforts have been made to acquaint the Church with this work ever since it was begun among us in 1884, the Church is not yet aroused to the sympathetic, active co-operation necessary for a development of the diaconate on a scale sufficiently large to enable the Church to exercise her ministry of mercy most effectively.

Your Committee appreciates the active propaganda in behalf of this cause carried on by the Women's Missionary Society of the General Council, which through its Committee on Deaconess Work and its Literature Committee has published some very interesting leaflets which have attracted considerable attention and already won some candidates. We also gratefully acknowledge the co-operation of the editors of our Sunday-school Literature and of the Luther League Topics in the effort to spread the knowledge of the character and blessings of this service for women.

The response must come on a larger scale, however, if the Church would reasonably hope to lend effective aid in meeting the grave situations created by the present war. A period of general upheaval and transformation affecting almost every phase of life, is upon us and demands not merely wise leadership, but also self-sacrificing and expert service. Already so many nurses are called away from their regular work into national service, that the care of our own sick is becoming a problem. This will grow ever more serious as the war goes on and for some time thereafter. Trained social workers will probably also be sent abroad for reconstructive work, and contributions to causes at home are reduced chiefly because of assistance needed abroad. Thus in the

face of the nation's greatly increased needs, the working force and the means of support of general welfare work are materially decreased, throwing a correspondingly larger burden on the Church and the local congregations. We must rapidly increase the number of our trained workers, especially of deaconesses, who go forth as the recognized servants of the Church in her ministry of mercy. The call for qualified young women should be heard throughout the entire Church, that none standing idle can say: "No man hath hired us" (Matthew 20:7).

Your Committee, therefore, recommends the following action:

In view of the unprecedented demands and opportunities for the Church's ministry of mercy in the conditions created by the war,

Be it resolved,

1. That the General Council hereby call upon the young women of our Church to consider prayerfully the Lord's call for workers in His vineyard, for which the diaconate offers special advantages.

2. That every pastor bring this urgent call to the attention of his congregation at the earliest opportunity.

3. That the various Motherhouses be urged to provide, if necessary, special brief courses for candidates, in order to place more Sisters at the disposal of congregations and other organizations for relief work at the earliest possible date.

THE COMMITTEE.

The report, with its Recommendations, was adopted.

The Rev. Dr. Ohl presented the

REPORT OF THE INNER MISSION COMMITTEE

The past biennium has been fruitful in the sphere of Inner Mission activity beyond that of any two years previous. The Church is showing unmistakable signs of an awakening to the necessity of proving its faith by works of love and mercy. Perhaps in no line of church activity has the response been so hearty and so general as in this. There is cause for profound gratitude to God for the many tokens of His favor in stirring up the hearts of His people and revealing to them the blessedness of these ministrations of Christ-like love.

NEW WORK

Your committee is pleased to report that in Brooklyn the Inner Mission Society has secured a city missionary in the person of Rev. E. Podzus, whom it supports and who is to minister to the sick and the needy in hospitals and other institutions. It has in view the establishment of a hospice at as early a date as circumstances will dictate.

In New York a movement has been set on foot which looks to a method of Inner Mission activity long since advocated by your committee, viz., grafting Inner Mission activity into the life and activities of the

congregation. Consequently a second city missionary has been called whose special task it shall be to organize the Inner Mission work of the Society along congregational lines. A hospital visitation plan is to be formulated and carried into effect; a method of activity for reaching the unchurched is to be wrought out; and the care of the needy and measures of war relief are to be made effective. Here is a field of effort that is deserving of far more attention than it has as yet received. In addition to this new form of endeavor, Lutherans in New York have been active in establishing the Lutheran Hospital of Manhattan, opened at Convent Avenue and 145th street in September, 1916, in a residential section. A property and dispensary have been bought and a deaconess is in charge.

In Buffalo a Lutheran Bureau has been established and provided with suitable headquarters. Under its superintendent, the Rev. Walter Krumwiede, a broad field of Inner Mission activity has been entered. A study has been made of boarding-house conditions in the city and it has been ascertained that out of several hundred such houses only seventy-five could be safely recommended. The Society has launched out into the boundless field of creating and circulating tract literature. Ten such tracts on sin, salvation, faith, unbelief, holiness, good works, cross, prayer, judgment, sacraments are already in circulation and their usefulness cannot be doubted. This is a type of activity worthy of general imitation, and all the more so in view of much literature spread broadcast that is positively dangerous and subversive. The record of city missionary activity in New York, Philadelphia, and other cities will show how boundless is the field for Inner Mission work beyond the limits of the parishes served by our pastors.

At Sellersville, Pa., about thirty miles from Philadelphia, a tract of 510 acres of land adjoining the borough, with a stream running through it a distance of nearly two miles, has been purchased for the establishment of a home for homeless Lutherans of all ages and both sexes. This was made possible by a bequest of over \$100,000 made by the late Enos R. Artman, of Philadelphia. It is to be known as the Artman Home for Lutherans. Its purpose is two-fold. It offers to the Lutheran churches of Philadelphia and neighboring counties facilities for Sunday-school picnics and vacationists. A "vacation house" has made it possible for 285 Lutherans during the past summer to spend a part of their vacation at this place at moderate cost and a continuous boys' camp and girls' camp is to be conducted next year. Its main purpose, however, is to provide a home, temporarily or permanently, for such Lutherans as need a refuge or retreat. The aim is to conduct it as a philanthropy rather than a charity on the principle of helping people to help themselves. A farm school will in due time be established. Congregations will be encouraged to co-operate by supporting at the Home such of their needy members as require either temporary or permanent assistance.

In line with the suggestions offered by your committee in its report of two years ago, action has been taken by the Pennsylvania Ministerium

looking to the organization of a home-finding society. The importance of this step cannot well be over-estimated. While institutions for the care of the orphan are still a necessity, the time should come when they may become clearing houses for home-finding agencies rather than refuges for inmates cared for permanently. There is an increasing number of childless Lutheran homes where an orphan boy or girl would prove a godsend and a reciprocal blessing, and home-finding societies, if active, can do much to bring about a happy consummation of the orphan problem. This would be acting on the correct eleemosynary principle, that it is the object of charity to make charity unnecessary. Modern humanitarianism is in danger of fostering dependency and institutions ought not to be regarded as an end in themselves but as a means to a higher end—helping the helpless to help themselves. Home-finding agencies are a step in the right direction.

In Toledo, Ohio, an inter-synodical movement has been started to purchase part interest now, and in time full interest, in the Robinhood Hospital and make it a Lutheran institution. It is the finest hospital property in the city and is worth \$100,000. The many congregations are, with few exceptions, interested in this project. Lutheran deaconesses, if available, are to be secured.

In Winnipeg, Manitoba, a Lutheran Inner Mission Society was organized in 1916 and already plans are under contemplation for the establishment of a hospice in this gateway to the far West. The need for it has been especially felt because of the many Lutherans sojourning in Winnipeg who are temporarily stranded while in search of a permanent home.

PROGRESS AND EXPANSION

Considerable progress has been made during the past biennium in enlarging and perfecting the work done by some of our merciful institutions. The Home for Orphan Infants at Germantown, Philadelphia, is now in full operation and many applications must be turned away. The well-conducted Tipton Orphans' Home, near Reading, Pa., has been presented with a handsome and finely equipped home for infants by Mrs. Jessica Holton and her children. It is known as the George Edward Holton Memorial, and is an exceptionally worthy monument of love. Further west in the bounds of the Pittsburgh Synod large funds have been raised for three of its merciful institutions. The Old People's Home at Zelienople, Pa., through a gift of \$20,000 by a devoted layman, was enabled to raise \$41,000 more, contributed by the congregations, toward the erection of a \$60,000 building now nearing completion. In addition to this, there has been received \$50,000 as endowment, to be known as the Joseph S. Seaman Endowment Fund. Similarly fortunate has the Orphans' Home been. A beautiful "Kribbs Memorial Cottage" costing \$15,000 has been erected by Mr. Ferd Reiber, of Butler, Pa., and an endowment of \$12,000 has been contributed by the same generous donor, the interest of which is to be applied for the education of orphan boys

for the ministry and of orphan girls for the deaconess work. An effort to raise a fund for a hospice has resulted in raising about \$24,000.

The Erie Home for Aged has purchased a new site for its expanding activities, and the Passavant Hospital of Pittsburgh is erecting an Annex to which the \$90,000 already contributed is to be applied. In Minneapolis, the Augustana congregation has added to the activities of its Mission Cottage a Children's Home for half orphans and homeless waifs. The Inner Mission Society of this city is contemplating the acquiring of another building in addition to its Hospice so as to keep the charitable and philanthropic activities separate. A Christian Inn or Herberge for young men and tourists is also under consideration. In St. Paul, the Minnesota Conference of the Augustana Synod is establishing a Home for the Aged, the building to cost \$50,000; also an Invalid Home at Como Park. In Chicago City, the Home for the Aged supported by this conference is erecting a new building to cost \$50,000.

EDUCATIONAL

In the spring of 1916 the local committee of Philadelphia secured the co-operation of the pastors and held a series of successful Inner Mission Institutes in six centers for one whole week. All the city Inner Mission institutions and agencies were represented in brief addresses and a survey of the work given that was inspirational and effective. In the spring of 1917 a convention of Inner Mission workers from all sections of the Church was held in New York City and proved to be a valuable adjunct to the educational activities conducted by the properly authorized committees of the general bodies.

In compliance with the resolution of the Council, the chairman requested Dr. Bachmann to prepare theses touching on the congregational and social aspects of Inner Mission work for conferential and synodical discussion. A few brief theses on the Down-town Problem were later added. Following are the Inner Mission Theses:

1. The measure of congregational efficiency must include not merely the result of efforts made to preserve and develop the local congregation and the general Church body of which it is a constituent part, but also the effective influence for pervading with the principles of the gospel the life of the entire community. Matt. 5:13-16.

2. This general obligation towards the community must develop specific efforts to overthrow wickedness and establish righteousness, in order that the Kingdom of God may come to all men.

3. To render effective service towards this end, a clear conception is necessary, (a) of the message of Christ; (b) of the character and the purpose of the Church; (c) of the kingdom of God; (d) of the specific needs of the community; (e) of the best means and methods to be employed; (f) and of the advantages and limitations of co-operating with other agencies.

4. Inasmuch as the Church and the State are both vitally concerned in the welfare of the community and both must contribute their share,

their respective forces should seek to co-operate for the common good wherever possible. This, however, is fraught with dangers to both, unless each will recognize and sacredly regard the special sphere and functions of the other.

5. The Lutheran Church, claiming only spiritual authority, must depend upon her members as citizens of the commonwealth, to demand of the State such legislation and such exercise of justice as will make for civic righteousness. The Church, therefore, cannot officially endorse the adoption or demand the repeal of any law dealing with community interests, or with labor problems, however much she might favor such action.

6. The Church, however, if moved by a living faith and a Christ-like love, cannot be indifferent to the social evils and the economic injustice of our day. She will exercise her *faith* by intercessory prayer for all men, including unbelievers, I Tim. 2:1; by fearlessly reproving all workers of iniquity, Eph. 5:11; by exposing the heart of man as the real source of evil, Matt. 15:19; and by pleading for the regeneration of the individual as the only basis for a genuine reformation of social life, John 3:3 and 6, and she will exercise her *love* by relieving the distressed, Matt. 4:24; by guarding the endangered, John 21:15; by seeking the straying and the lost, Luke 15:3-10, 14:21, 23; and by solving social problems among her members, Acts 6:1-6, I Tim. 5:3-8, Rom. 15:1; pointing out the way for general social betterment.

7. The *spiritual priesthood* of believers obligates as well as entitles every member of the Church, not merely the pastors, to co-operate in the spreading of the Word and in the seeking and saving of men (The Inner Mission), I Peter 2:9; while on the other hand his *citizenship* entitles and obligates him to co-operate with fellow-citizens and fellow-workmen in seeking by all lawful means the overthrow of wickedness and the better adjustment of social and economic conditions. Jer. 29:7.

8. For her own work (Inner Mission) the Church must decide the methods, provide the means, and train the workers; for the work of the State she can merely set forth with all possible clearness and emphasis God's demand of justice and of love to fellowmen as the foundations of good citizenship and public welfare.

9. The Church must be guided in her attitude toward new movements not by popular demand or temporary advantage, but must remain true to her calling as "the organism provided by God for the administration of the Means of Grace" for the eternal salvation of men.

THESES ON THE "DOWN-TOWN PROBLEM"

1. The so-called "Down-town Problem" is created by a set of conditions which, if they are to be effectively dealt with, must be thoroughly understood. The elements that enter into these conditions are: 1. racial; 2. industrial; 3. economic; 4. social and civic. These conditions are favorable to the breeding of sin, vice, poverty and irreligion.

2. It devolves upon the State to seek to change these conditions, or mitigate their evils, by effective legislative and administrative methods. The State should insist that slum conditions and all unhealthful environments are unnecessary, and should forbid them.

3. It devolves upon the Church to set the leaven of the Gospel at work in communities where such conditions exist through Inner Mission agencies either connected with congregations located there or conducted and supported by a group of churches located elsewhere.

4. To leaven such communities with the Gospel requires an enlargement and adjustment of methods to fit the conditions; but the methods should be in keeping with the merciful and evangelical aims of the mission.

These were printed and mailed to members of the committee, requesting them to present them to the Presidents of the Synods and arrange with them a time for their discussion. They were discussed at the conventions of a number of Conferences and Synods. In the Pennsylvania Ministerium their discussion led to a further consideration of Inner Missions in its social aspects, through a resolution offered by Mr. William H. Hager, of Lancaster, recommending synodical endorsement for action looking to the organization of Law and Order Societies in various cities of Eastern Pennsylvania. This resolution was placed in the hands of the Synodical Inner Mission Committee and reported as follows:

Your Committee, to which was referred the resolution of Mr. Hager (Minutes 1916, p. 146), quite agrees with the author of the same, that "to combat the evils of unjust industrial and social conditions, and to protect the young from the corrupting influences of present-day life," preventive as well as redemptive work is necessary. The Committee also deplors the fact that in many cases pastors and people are slow to recognize these evils, and to lift their voice and enlist their energies against them.

To overcome ignorance, and to arouse action, pastors and people need to study causes and conditions, and to be brought to a keen sense of their personal responsibility as Christians. Evil flourishes in proportion as it is unrecognized and unopposed. Only as those who constitute the Body of Christ learn to see and to know the destructive power of sin, and both by word and act endeavor to root it out, will evil, in a measure at least, disappear.

At the same time your Committee is sensible of the danger which would threaten the Church's spiritual life and influence, should she permit herself to adopt measures and methods at variance with her divine mission, which is to "preach the Gospel to every creature," and thereby to seek and save the lost. In her attack upon sin in individuals and communities, the Church can lawfully use *only one weapon*, "the sword of the Spirit which is the Word of God"; any weapon of the flesh wielded by the Church, whether political pressure or physical force, will ultimately work to her undoing as history proves, and as the Lord forewarns His followers: "All they that take the sword shall perish with the

sword." Matt. 26:52. Our conditions today are *not* fundamentally different from those in the days of the apostles and therefore require no other means than theirs for the upbuilding of the Kingdom of Christ, which is distinctly not of this world.

On the other hand, the State is as vitally affected as the Church by conditions threatening alike the social and economic welfare of the community and its moral and religious life. Both Church and State have here a common interest and duty, which makes co-operation desirable, in many cases even necessary. To co-operate successfully, well defined co-ordination and sub-ordination is essential. The proper spheres of Church and State must, therefore, be mutually recognized and respected, otherwise antagonism and conflicts will make impossible the victory within comparatively easy reach of the combined efforts of Church and State in their campaign against vice and crime. Both must to the end properly *co-ordinate, but not confuse*, material interests and spiritual interests, the law of the land and the gospel of Jesus Christ, civic righteousness and the fear of God, absolute justice to all and the constraining love of Christ, police force and moral suasion, crime and its punishment or repression and sin and its cure, an ideal State and the Kingdom of God. The natural desire of reformers, actuated by either religious or political motives, to secure quick and tangible results, has in most cases led to a merging of these two distinct spheres of interest, to the ultimate detriment of both Church and State, bringing both into conflict with each other to the ultimate triumph of the wickedness which both had set out to combat. The experience of the New England Colonies, of some of the leading Protestant countries in Europe, and of medieval Europe, should caution our generation against similar attempts. The appeal to the Old Testament cannot be sustained in our times, as we have no theocracy. In our country, we have a democracy which officially cannot go beyond the enforcement of any other than purely ethical and humanitarian considerations. We hold, therefore, that any religious body, or any church organization, local or national in scope, violates one of the fundamental principles of our democracy as soon as its official machinery is set in motion to secure legislation in its own interests, or embodying peculiar religious convictions, or dealing with affairs of the State. Our legislative and civil authorities must be free from coercion by any special interests whatever. The free exercise of religions without interference by the State carries with it as a corollary the free exercise of civil government without interference by any religious body. At the same time the Church will thwart the divine purpose to save sinners, if she offer God's grace with the one hand, and swing a policeman's club with the other.

Practical as well as doctrinal considerations prompt your Committee, therefore, to warn the Church against the employment of any other means in her attack upon vicious social and industrial conditions, than the Gospel of Jesus Christ. By this, the members of the Church must be brought to a full realization of their share of responsibility for exist-

ing conditions, and must be aroused to action as Christians and as citizens. As Christians they will put forth every effort to turn the wicked from their ways, and as citizens they will arouse their community to see, to study, to plan and to act in the best interests of all concerned, and to apply to that end, if needs be, the law to the fullest extent for the punishment of evildoers and for the protection of the unwary.

Your Committee, therefore, submits the following recommendations:

1. That this Ministerium call upon the pastors and the people to apply to present-day conditions the great commandment of love to God and to their fellow-men, and to bear fearless witness against every form of wickedness in individuals and in communities, and against every condition in the social and industrial world violating the fundamental principles of brotherly love, of justice and of public welfare, and thereby hindering also the coming of the Kingdom of Christ to men.

2. That every local congregation with its pastor be urged to make every possible effort to bring the servants of sin under the influence of the Word of God through private presentations, through Christian literature, and through special services for those classes not reached by the regular ministrations of the Church.

3. (Substitute in report of Committee of Review adopted by the Synod.) That our people as citizens interest themselves in the moral uplift of the community in which they live, and be encouraged through existing organizations and by personal effort to do all in their power in the suppression of evil in all its forms.

4. That your Mission Committee be charged with the duty of acting as an advisory body to our pastors and congregations or local Inner Mission Committees desiring to consult them in the interests of their local work, especially on legal aspects of the same.

Your Committee fears that the appointment by the Ministerium of special local sub-committees for civic reform may be interpreted as an attempt at ecclesiastical interference with civic affairs and can therefore not recommend such action.

The above is reported in order that lines of cleavage still existing as to the proper function of Inner Mission work as over against activities of a legalistic and humanitarian character may be brought to light. There is still need for clearness of definition so as to prevent confusion of thought on this subject.

JOINT MEETING OF INNER MISSION COMMITTEE

Your Committee responded to the call of the Quadri-Centennial Committee of Constitution for the proposed United Lutheran Church, and at a meeting held on April 19, 1917, by representatives of the General Council's Committee and of the General Synod's Board the following resolutions relative to merging the three general bodies concerned were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, that "We, the representatives of the Inner Mission Board

of the General Synod and of the Inner Mission Committee of the General Council, are unitedly in accord on the fundamental principles of the Inner Mission."

Resolved that "An Inner Mission Board be established with the following sphere of labor:

1. A propaganda fully to infuse the Inner Mission spirit and leaven into the congregation.
2. To encourage the undertaking of Inner Mission activities wherever needed, and to act in an advisory capacity to those in existence.
3. To provide for the proper training of Christian workers.

The above resolutions to be forwarded to the proper authorities."

The exigencies of the war thrust a vast Inner Mission problem upon our Church, and it was the conviction of all that some steps should immediately be taken to care for our soldiers and sailors. A sub-committee was accordingly appointed to make such provision for ministrations to our Lutheran young men in the service of the army and navy as might be within their power. It was soon found that its activities overlapped the activities of other committees and the President of the General Council was requested to inaugurate a movement to organize the work on a new, larger and more inclusive basis by securing the official co-operation of the presidents of all Lutheran bodies in the country. Though the Committee did what it could to meet this imperative need, it realized from the beginning that it lacked specific authorization. But in an emergency of this character, it felt constrained by the very love which gives all Inner Mission work its sanction and power to leave no stone unturned to provide for the care of our soldiers and sailors. The few irregularities and indiscretions that may have been charged against it are more than outweighed by its sincere and earnest efforts to heed a divine call to duty. It now feels more than gratified that an effort is being made to unify in an official and authorized manner all endeavors to minister to Lutheran young men in the army and navy. A unified and nation-wide effort is the demand of the hour.

THE CITY MISSION

Your Committee would urge upon the Church the necessity of enlarging our city mission forces in all populous centers. There is no more important branch of Inner Mission work than the "city mission." Its ministrations are so varied and numerous as to make it an essential adjunct to the congregational and missionary forces in our greater cities. The field it seeks to cover has been clearly described in Dr. Ohl's pamphlet entitled "Lutheran Inner Mission Work in Philadelphia." In it he says: "The work of a general city missionary touches human life and needs at almost every point, and one of its chief and most blessed char-

acteristics is that it is so largely personal and individual. Every week and almost every day he is brought into close contact with those not ordinarily reached by the churches. He goes to the sick and dying, the aged and infirm, the orphaned and forsaken, the incurable and helpless, and brings them the Word of Life. He finds his ways into the homes of the worthy poor and sets in motion agencies for the relief of their most pressing needs. He interests himself in the dependent and endeavors to find for them a sheltering place. He visits the fallen and imprisoned and pleads with them to return to better life. He extends a helping hand to those when they give evidence of sincere repentance. He seeks the stranger and directs him to a church home. He counsels the imperiled and admonishes the indifferent. And this direct heart-to-heart and soul-to-soul work is in many instances productive of the most blessed results. Believers are comforted and strengthened, the fallen are recovered, the imperiled are protected, the indifferent and strangers are won, the young are savingly influenced, and relations are established—especially with the poor—that often open the way for larger spiritual ministrations."

RECOMMENDATIONS

Following are the recommendations the Committee asks the General Council to consider:

1. That a properly authorized Lutheran Commission on War Work be constituted by this body to co-operate with similar commissions in other Lutheran bodies.
2. That we call upon the congregations and local organizations and societies to co-operate to the fullest extent possible in meeting and solving the Inner Mission problems thrust upon them by the exigencies of the war.
3. That in view of the rapidly increasing parish needs and problems in congregational and institutional work during this national crisis, when thousands of leaders and trained workers are withdrawn from important spheres of Christian service, the need of deaconesses and other trained workers is imperative and demands the immediate attention of the Church.
4. That in view of the increasing missionary needs in our large cities, wherever possible city missionaries be employed to assist pastors in saving to the Church Lutherans newly arrived and to minister to a growing class of needs which cannot otherwise be met.
5. That special institutes be conducted by Inner Mission workers, pastors and leaders in Inner Mission work to stimulate practical congregational activity along Inner Mission lines and thus direct the energies of societies and members into proper channels.

GEO. W. SANDT, *Chairman.*

J. F. OHL, *Secretary.*

The report, with its five resolutions, was adopted as a whole.

The Rev. Dr. Steimle presented the

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON NECROLOGY

In accordance with the wishes of this body, your Committee presents in briefest form its notice of the pastors and prominent laymen of the General Council who have entered into Life since the last convention.

In the *Ministerium of Pennsylvania* the following were called to their reward:

The Rev. Samuel Addison Ziegenfuss, D.D. (†June 21, 1916), for twenty-three years secretary of the Board of Publication, and throughout his ministry a loyal supporter and zealous worker in behalf of our educational institutions.

The Rev. Mahlon V. Horine, D.D. (†May 16, 1917), former president of the Ministerium and of the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary at Mt. Airy, a leader in many activities of the Church.

The Rev. John Kuendig, D.D. (†June 17, 1917), a veteran, whose activity in behalf of the German Home Mission Board of the General Council was unabated as long as strength permitted.

The Rev. Charles Armand Miller, D.D. (†Sept. 10, 1917), one of the founders of the Synod of New York and New England, endowed with Pauline fervor in his preaching and Johannine tenderness in the devotional writings with which he has permanently enriched our literature. He was a valued member of our Foreign Mission Board.

The Rev. Irwin B. Ritter (†May 7, 1916), president of the Allentown Conference, the Rev. A. O. Gallenkamp (†Dec. 3, 1915), the Rev. S. E. Smith (†Mar. 11, 1916), the Rev. D. M. Stetler (†Oct. 11, 1916), the Rev. F. T. Teegen (†Feb. 5, 1917), the Rev. W. H. C. Lauer (†May 16, 1917), the Rev. S. A. B. Stopp (†June 13, 1917).

The *Ministerium of New York* sustained the loss of five pastors:

The Rev. Hugo W. Hoffmann, Ph.D. (†Feb. 3, 1917), successful preacher and scholar, who was able to sustain scholarly pursuits together with conscientious devotion to the exacting work of his metropolitan parish.

The Rev. Bernard Pick, Ph.D., D.D. (†April 10, 1917), whose fame as a theological writer went beyond the bounds of the Lutheran Church.

The Rev. L. Brunke (†Jan. 9, 1916), the Rev. P. J. F. Becker (†Jan. 27, 1916), the Rev. J. A. Timm (†Aug. 24, 1916), the Rev. T. F. N. Bauck (†Oct. 24, 1916).

The *Pittsburgh Synod* records the death of the Rev. J. W. Myers (†July 16, 1916), the Rev. J. Th. Kaehler (†Jan. 23, 1917), and the Rev. J. Ash (†Feb. 17, 1917).

In the *District Synod of Ohio* two laborers went to their rest, the Rev. F. W. E. Peschau, D.D. (Mar. 19, 1916), and the Rev. Wm. H. Brown (†Feb. 5, 1917).

The *Augustana Synod* reports the loss of eighteen men.

The Rev. Eric Norelius, D.D., LL.D. (†Mar. 15, 1916, aged 82 years). Sixty years in the ministry, he made full proof of his allotted span of life. Pioneer, writer, historian of his Synod for a quarter of a century, and president for nineteen years, an outstanding figure in the history of the American Lutheran Church.

The Rev. J. Fremling, D.D. (†Aug. 10, 1917), another Minnesota pioneer and president of the Minnesota Conference for a number of years.

The Rev. Carl Walleen, D.D. (†Dec. 7, 1915), former president of the Kansas Conference.

The Rev. P. J. Brodine, D.D. (†June 4, 1917), a veteran of the civil war. Former president of the Nebraska Conference and a forceful preacher.

The Rev. G. A. Anderson, D.D., who spent the thirty-two years of his ministry on the Northwest coast and fathered the work there, president of the Columbia Conference for many years.

The Rev. C. A. Hultkrans (†Oct. 21, 1915), founder of the Bethesda Deaconess Institute in St. Paul, superintendent of Bethesda Hospital and the Old People's Home of the Minnesota Conference, whose tireless energy was spent in building up these institutions.

The Rev. J. Theodore Kellgren (†Mar. 8, 1917), former secretary of the Augustana Synod.

The Rev. K. G. Wm. Dahl (†Sept. 9, 1917), former assistant rector of the Immanuel Deaconess Institute at Omaha and organizer of the Bethphage Institution for epileptics, the mildly insane and sufferers of any and every sort, at Axtell, Nebraska, where after but four years' work sixty sufferers are now cared for.

The Rev. P. J. Kallström (†April 30, 1917), the Rev. A. Sundberg (†Mar. 31, 1917), the Rev. J. J. Hoikka, the Rev. August Johnson (†July 14, 1916), the Rev. O. Moren (†Aug. 13, 1916), the Rev. N. O. Grunden (†Aug. 31, 1917), the Rev. F. A. Engstrand (†Feb. 20, 1916), the Rev. J. P. Borg (†June 15, 1917), the Rev. G. A. Ekman (†Mar. 4, 1917), the Rev. Gustaf Anderson (†Sept. 1, 1916), the Rev. H. A. W. Yung (†Jan. 15, 1917).

In the *Synod of the Northwest* the call from on high came to

The Rev. Frank W. Klingensmith (†May 5, 1916), another of the founders of the Synod of New York and New England, scholar, missionary and professor-elect in the Pacific Theological Seminary, a burning and a shining light, whose zeal outran his bodily strength.

The Rev. Frederick E. Cooper (†April 9, 1917), one of our younger men of unusual gifts and great promise, cut off in the midst of his days.

The *Manitoba Synod* suffered the loss of the Rev. G. Lehmann.

In the *Pacific Synod* the Rev. C. F. Boehner (†April 17, 1916) was laid to rest.

The *Synod of New York and New England* records the death of the Rev. C. E. Blethen (†April 5, 1917).

The *Texas Synod* likewise contributed to the ever lengthening roll in the death of the Rev. Karl Weiss (†July 12, 1917).

Now the laborers' task is o'er;
Now the battle day is past;
Now upon the farther shore
Land the voyagers at last.
Father, in Thy gracious keeping
Leave we now Thy servants sleeping.

For the Committee,

A. STEIMLE, *Chairman*.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the report on Necrology be adopted and permission given the Chairman to make such additions as are deemed necessary.

The Rev. Dr. C. J. Cooper occupied the chair temporarily.

The Rev. Dr. Schmauk presented the

SUNDAY SCHOOL WORK COMMITTEE REPORT

Your Committee in presenting its biennial report desires to call attention to two points:

(a) The progress that has been made during the past two years in a Common Graded System.

(b) The necessity of continuing our present literature during the next biennium.

1. In view of the fact that from experience we realize that a Common Series of Sunday-school Lessons which would be an improvement upon our present system would be an impossibility in the near future, and in view of the fact that our Graded Sunday-school Literature has been in successful use for more than twenty years and that it has secured a firm hold upon our people and been accorded recognition in wide and increasing circles, we recommend that the series in its entirety be continued.

2. We would therefore recommend that the committee be authorized to prepare and the Board to publish our literature during the coming biennium.

3. We would recommend that the General Council declare its conviction that the underlying principles of the Church Year as embodied in our present system of lessons should be adhered to in any common system and that the various grades should be retained in their essential features.

4. We also express our satisfaction in knowing that the Joint Committee aims to secure if possible and improve our existing Lutheran system as the series of lessons to be offered as the literature to be used in the proposed United Lutheran Church of America.

5. With regard to the work of the Joint Committee we would respectfully report as the results of several sessions, one of which lasted nearly a week and was held at the Philadelphia Theological Seminary the following points:

1. The present literature and the needs of the bodies represented were thoroughly discussed.

2. After this discussion it was unanimously agreed that we proceed to develop a "Common Beginners' Course" on the basis of the General Council Primary System.

3. In the development of this entire Common Graded System it was unanimously declared to be the purpose to construct a Common Lutheran Graded System for the use of the Lutheran Bodies co-operating, which shall be founded on and express the spirit and principle of the Lutheran faith.

4. Wonderland and Workland were accepted as the basis for the elaboration of similar grades in the Common System, which is understood to include the Sand Table as essential to the Workland Grade.

5. The relation of the Lutheran Principle of Baptismal Regeneration to the method of instruction was agreed to as an essential to be recognized in the method of instruction. In this connection the fact that instruction does not begin at the Wonderland age was recognized.

6. As a general outline of Departments for the entire Graded System, the following were agreed upon,—(1) Little Ones; (2) Boys and Girls; (3) Young People; (4) Men and Women.

7. In the developing of the Common System the special aim will be to provide adequate help for teachers of all grades.

8. In the development of the system care is to be taken if it is found possible to take into consideration the needs of week-day culture courses. The relation of such courses to the regular work of the school is at least to be defined.

9. It was resolved that until the graded lessons for the Young People are determined the question of lessons for men and women shall be left open.

10. It was unanimously agreed that the year of the new common series of lessons shall begin with Advent.

6. We would report that the various grades during the past biennium were published regularly and several of them improved in certain details; also that during the past year a special series of lessons reflecting the principles of the Reformation in the light of God's Word was presented through the Lesson Commentary and the Lesson Quarterly; also that the Teacher Training Quarterly has been regularly published and has furnished an amount of material which will be valuable as permanent Teacher Training Literature.

7. We recommend that the action of the General Council authorizing the committee to publish such other literature as in the judgment of the committee will prove justifiable be reaffirmed.

8. We recommend that the issue of the joint Sunday-school paper be continued, and that the Committee and Board be authorized to unite with the publishing houses of other Lutheran Bodies in continuing the issue of such a paper, upon terms clear and explicit, each Committee and Board to keep its issue strictly under its own control.

9. We recommend that the Committee on Sunday-school Work be and is hereby instructed to continue the preparation, and the Publication Board the publication, of all Sunday-school apparatus now in use, and that the Board of Publication pay the same amounts, at the same times as heretofore, to the Committee for expenses, as provided for by the Council in past years.

THE COMMITTEE.

The report, with its several Recommendations, was adopted as a whole.

REPORT OF ARCHIVIST

During the past biennium there has been an increased interest manifested in the furnishing of official records for the Archives of the General Council. It has not yet been found possible to complete files of the Minutes of the different Synods.

We have received a valuable addition to the files in addition to the current numbers furnished by the Secretaries of the various Synods, of the Minutes of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania from 1858 to 1888 (with the exception of 1860) through the Krauth Memorial Library, and a complete set of the Minutes of the General Council, with the exception of the preliminary meeting at Reading, from the General Council Publication House.

The status of these files is as follows:

General Council Minutes—Complete with the exception of the preliminary meeting.

Ministerium of Pennsylvania—On file, 1843, 1858, 1859, 1861-1917. Missing, all before 1843, 1844-1857, 1860.

Chicago Synod—Complete file with the exception of 1904.

Pittsburgh Synod—On file, 1845-1864, 1869-1881, 1883-1917. Missing, 1865-1868, 1882.

New York Ministerium—On file, 1900, 1905-1917. Missing, all before 1900, 1901-1904.

Synod of New York and New England—Complete file.

Synod of Nova Scotia—Complete file.

Pacific Synod—Complete file with the exception of 1902.

Synod of the Northwest—Complete file.

District Synod of Ohio—On file, 1882, 1884-1885, 1893, 1894, 1898-1917. Missing, 1857-1881, 1883, 1886-1892, 1895-1897.

Synod of Canada—On file, 1868, 1875, 1880, 1885-1892, 1894-1905, 1907-1915, 1917; no meeting held in 1916. Missing, 1860-1867, 1869-1874, 1876-1879, 1881-1884, 1893, 1906.

Synod of Central Canada—Complete file to 1915. Missing, 1916, 1917.

Augustana Synod—On file, 1900, 1902, 1910-1916. Missing, all before 1900, 1901, 1903-1909, 1917.

Manitoba Synod—On file, 1900, 1902, 1903, 1911. Missing, 1891-1899, 1901, 1904-1910, 1912-1917.

The written protocol of the following conventions of the General Council is in our hands: 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35. These are contained in four volumes.

Rev. G. Keller Rubrecht contributed a beautifully printed pamphlet containing historical and reminiscent sketches of the Synod of the Northwest.

We have also received a large number of miscellaneous programs and other pamphlets of interest, some of which will prove in time to be of special historical value. These have chiefly come to us through the interest and co-operation of Rev. John W. Early.

We had attempted, in conjunction with the work of *The Lutheran*, to gather miscellaneous reports of meetings and other items of interest, with a view to making a systematic collection of the same for future use, but have received so little co-operation that we consider the results as of little value.

It is our judgment that there should be greater interest and more systematic effort manifested in the gathering of reports, pamphlets and records which will make the work of the future historian of the church comparatively easy.

W. L. HUNTON, *Archivist*.

Report adopted.

The Rev. Dr. Cooper offered the following:

Resolved, That the Sunday-school Year begin on the first of January rather than on the First Sunday in Advent.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the above motion be referred to the Sunday-school Work Committee with power to act.

THANKS

On motion of Mr. Wm. H. Hager, it was

Resolved, That the General Council extends hearty thanks to the Committee of Arrangements, which has so admirably taken care of everything connected with this Convention.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Schmauk, it was

Resolved, That the earnest thanks of the General Council be extended to the Ministerium of Pennsylvania's committee, the Rev. I. Chantry Hoffman, Chairman, and the committee of the General Council having charge of the arrangements for this Convention, and that our heartfelt thanks be tendered to the indefatigable Secretary of the Philadelphia Executive Committee, the Rev. Zenan M. Corbe.

On motion of Dr. Keiter, and by a rising vote, it was

Resolved, That the thanks of the Convention be extended to Mr. Harry Hodges in charge of the Office Arrangements.

On motion of the Rev. E. A. Trabert, it was

Resolved, That we extend thanks to the Press of the City of Philadelphia for the full reports presented to the public of this Convention.

On motion of the Rev. H. E. Snyder, it was

Resolved, That the thanks of the General Council be extended to Zion's and Holy Communion Churches and their respective pastors, the Rev. Fritz O. Evers and the Rev. E. P. H. Pfatteicher, Ph.D.

On motion of Mr. F. P. D. Miller, it was

Resolved, That we extend thanks to the presiding officer for the able manner in which he has handled the business of the Convention.

On motion of the Rev. Wm. M. Horn, it was

Resolved, That thanks be extended to the Secretary for the faithful discharge of his duties.

No report was made by the Committee on Literature for Men's Organizations.

LATIN AMERICAN WORK

The Rev. Dr. S. D. Daugherty, on behalf of a Commission appointed by the General Synod, presented the following Memorial, supporting it with some remarks:

To the President and Members of the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America.

DEAR BRETHREN:—This is a cordial fraternal request of a special Commission appointed by the General Synod at its recent convention in Chicago, concerning a Joint Commission for missionary work in Latin America. The action of the General Synod is as follows:

"WHEREAS, The General Synod heartily commends the action of its Board of Foreign Missions, in sending its General Secretary to the Chris-

tian Congress held last year at Panama, to study the conditions that prevail in Latin America, now that all the legal restrictions to Protestant mission work for the past four hundred years have been removed.

"WHEREAS, It is our pleasure to learn also that other Lutheran pastors, belonging to the General Council and General Synod were sent to the same Congress in a non-official capacity, and contributed their full quota to its discussion of vital problems.

"WHEREAS, The General Synod profoundly agrees with the unanimous conviction of these men, that those divisions which have separated our Lutheran General Bodies in North America ought not to be perpetuated in South America, but when the Lutheran Church goes into that neglected continent, where so many thousands of her own baptized members, Scandinavian and German, are making their permanent home, she should go unitedly, as manifesting her combined interests and efforts; therefore

"Resolved, That the General Synod favors the entrance of this promising new field, as soon as the General Council and the United Synod South shall combine with it to constitute one body, and that meanwhile a Commission on Latin American work, comprising three ministers and three laymen be appointed at this meeting by the President, which shall invite the appointment of a similar Commission of three ministers and three laymen by the General Council in October, and a Commission of two ministers and two laymen by the United Synod in the South in November, to signalize this historic year 1917 by co-operating in the development of the work begun by the sending of Rev. Efraim Ceder to Buenos Aires by the Pan-Lutheran Missionary Society, which has announced its readiness to give the management over into the conjoint hands of the three general bodies."

In fulfilment of the duty and the pleasure with which we have been thus entrusted, as the General Synod's Commission appointed for this purpose, we do hereby in its name heartily invite the General Council to appoint a special Commission of three ministers and three laymen, as we shall invite the United Synod in the South next month to appoint a similar Commission, that these two Commissions may unite with ours in the future management and development of the work in Latin America.

Respectfully submitted,

A. BAUM VAN ORMER,
S. D. DAUGHERTY,
A. POHLMAN,
J. H. BRANDT,
WM. H. EMHARDT,
W. S. BOND.

Philadelphia, Oct. 24, 1917.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Kretschmann, it was

Resolved, That the whole matter of the communication from the General Synod touching the Latin American work be referred to the Ways and Means Committee to be appointed.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Schmauk, it was

Resolved, That thanks be extended to the Rev. Dr. Daugherty for his faithful attendance on this Convention and for the strength and beauty of his presentation.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Schmauk, it was

Resolved, That the Rev. J. G. Hultkrans communicate with the Board of Porto Rico and Latin America Missions, and that they hear his presentations with reference to the possibilities of Lutheran mission work on the Island of Cuba.

REPORT OF THE PRESS COMMITTEE

Your Press Committee, with representatives in various sections of the country, has made a special effort during the biennium to secure general publicity for important outstanding facts and events in the work of the church. We have also been in touch with other organizations and have had various conferences with news organizations as to ways and means to secure proper publicity. As a rule we find that the better class of secular papers welcome important religious news interestingly told. We are convinced that if our own pastors and people will give timely notice of coming plans and events a proper publicity will be assured.

We have advice to the effect that in the case of nearly every large religious convention where the Press Committees have the co-operation of those who are to present reports, deliver addresses, and who are able to give advance information forecasting what is to be done, that the Press representatives are only too glad to gather this material and use it while it is fresh. The methods for economical gathering and distributing news which are in general use among news agencies necessitates much advance preparation of material.

For the Jubilee Convention of the General Council in anticipation of the importance of its sessions and its festival character we have found it possible to get a certain amount of advance publicity and could have secured more had we been able to gather a larger amount of data earlier than existing conditions made possible. We have also for the same reason, in order to insure better publicity for this convention than ever before, made arrangements with the Publicity House of Philadelphia, an association of expert newspaper correspondents, to be the official reporters for this convention.

W. L. HUNTON, *Chairman*.

Report adopted.

The Committees not found within these Minutes were subsequently furnished by the President, and will be found, by consulting the Index, in their proper places in the Appendix.

The Minutes of the Saturday and Monday Sessions were read and approved.

At 12:20 A. M., Tuesday, of the sixth day of the Convention, the General Council adjourned with the singing of one stanza of "A Mighty Fortress is Our God," and the use of the Order for the Closing of Synods.

"To God, the only wise, be glory through Jesus Christ forever. Amen."—Rom. 16:27.

WILLIAM KELLER FRICK,
English Recording Secretary.

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1868

ADOLF SPAETH, D.D.,
1880-1887

C. A. SWENSON, PH.D.,
1893

REV. GEORGE BASSLER,
1867

C. P. KRAUTH, D.D., LL.D.,
1870-1879

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PUBLIC SERVICES AND MEETINGS

WEDNESDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 24

- 9:45 A. M. Civic Welcome in Lecture Room of Zion's Church, Franklin Square. Address by Provost Edgar F. Smith, LL.D., University of Pennsylvania. Response by the Rev. Frederick A. Kaehler, D.D., Buffalo, N. Y.
- 10:30 A. M. Confessional Service.
- 10:45 A. M. The Service in the Auditorium, conducted by the Vice-Presidents and Secretaries of the General Council.
A Festival Choir rendered "O welch eine Tiefe," from St. Paul, by Mendelssohn.
Sermon by the President, the Rev. Theodore E. Schmauk, D.D., LL.D. Text Isaiah: Chapters 33 and 35. Theme, "Our Crisis and Our Conqueror."
Service and music from "Common Service Book with Hymnal."
Administration of the Lord's Supper.
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All Business Sessions were held in Witherspoon Hall, Walnut and Juniper Streets, except the closing one in Holy Communion Parish House.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, 8:00

at Holy Communion Church, Chestnut and Twenty-first Streets.

FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL

Vesper Service conducted by the Rev. Prof. Luther D. Reed, D.D., and the Rev. Prof. Elmer F. Krauss, President of the Chicago Theological Seminary.

Anniversary Address by the Rev. Prof. Charles M. Jacobs, D.D., Schieren Professor in the Philadelphia Seminary.

Special Music by the Choir.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 25, 10 A. M.

Opening Service of the Women's Missionary Society of the General Council, St John's Church, Race Street between Fifth and Sixth Streets, including the Holy Communion, administered by the Rev. Edward E. Sibole, D.D.

The Business Sessions were held morning and afternoon, closing on Monday afternoon.

THURSDAY EVENING

REFORMATION MUSICAL FESTIVAL

at the Academy of Music, Broad and Locust Streets.

The Philadelphia Orchestra rendered Mendelssohn's Reformation Symphony and Bach's Suite No. 2—B Minor.

A Chorus of four hundred voices, under H. Alexander Matthews as Director, and with the accompaniment of the Philadelphia Orchestra, rendered Matthews' Reformation Cantata, "The City of God."

FRIDAY EVENING

St. John's Church.

Women's Missionary Rally and Mass Meeting. Miss Zoe I. Hirt, President of the Women's Missionary Society, presiding.

Speakers:

The Rev. Theodore E. Schmauk, D.D., LL.D., President of General Council.

Miss May Mellander, Missionary from Porto Rico.

Mr. Hayimi Inadomi, of Japan, student at Roanoke College, "Japan's Macedonian Cry and the Reformation."

Mrs. E. C. Cronk, of Columbia, S. C., "The Price of Missionary Advance."

The Sisters' Choir from the Mary J. Drexel Motherhouse rendered special music.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27, 3:30 P. M.

Philadelphia Seminary Grounds, 1301 Germantown Avenue, Mt. Airy.

Unveiling of the Muhlenberg Memorial Monument, erected by the authority of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania, the gift of the children of the Church.

Speakers:

Rev. Prof. Henry E. Jacobs, D.D., LL.D., Dean of the Seminary.

Rev. Harvey A. Weller, D.D., President of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania.

Unveiling by the Sculptor, Mr. Otto J. Schweitzer.

SATURDAY EVENING

Informal Dinner and Reception at the City Club, on South Broad Street.

SUNDAY MORNING

One Hundred and Seventh-fifth Anniversary of the Arrival of the Patriarch Muhlenberg in Pennsylvania, at Old Zion's Church, with ad-



MUHLENBERG MONUMENT

dresses by the Rev. George C. F. Haas, D.D., of New York, and the Rev. T. E. Schmauk, President of the General Council.

Special services in all Lutheran Churches, with sermons by visiting clergymen.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON

St. Michael's Church, Germantown, Philadelphia.

Dedication of a Tablet in memory of the Rev. Anthony Jacob Henkel and wife.

Presentation on behalf of the Henkel Family, Dr. Casper O. Miller, New Market, Va.

Response—Rev. Stephen M. Paulson, Pastor of St. Michael's.

Address of Dedication—The Rev. William J. Finck, D.D., New Market, Va.

SUNDAY EVENING

Metropolitan Opera House, Broad and Poplar Streets.

United Lutheran Service, Commemorative of the Golden Jubilee of the General Council and the Quadri-Centennial of the Reformation.

The President of the General Council presiding.

GENERAL THEME: THE GENERAL COUNCIL OF THE LUTHERAN CHURCH IN
NORTH AMERICA

ITS PRINCIPLES AND THE WORK IT HAS ACCOMPLISHED—Rev W. K. Frick, D.D., Milwaukee, Wis.

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HYMN: "Beautiful Saviour."

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THE UNITED SYNOD OF THE LUTHERAN CHURCH IN THE SOUTH—President M. G. G. Scherer, D.D., Charleston, S. C.

THE FOREIGN MISSION RESULTS OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL—President L. G. Abrahamson, D.D., LL.D., Rock Island, Ill.

HYMN: "Thou Whose Almighty Word."

THE ENDOWMENTS, FINANCES AND PUBLICATION WORK OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL—Mr. William H. Hager, Lancaster, Pa.

THE HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION RESULTS OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL—President J. E. Whitteker, D.D., Lancaster, Pa.

THE PORTO RICO, LATIN AMERICA AND SLAV WORK OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL—Rev. F. E. Jensen, Washington, Pa.

THE INNER MISSION RESULTS OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL (INCLUDING DEACONESSES)—Rev. G. W. Sandt, D.D., Philadelphia, Pa.

HYMN: "A Mighty Fortress is Our God."

THE QUADRI-CENTENNIAL OF THE LUTHERAN CHURCH—Mr. E. Clarence Miller, Philadelphia, Pa.

THE FUTURE OF THE LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA—Rev. Prof. L. H. Larimer, D.D., Springfield, Ohio.

Lord's Prayer.

HYMN: "Soldiers of Christ Arise."

Benediction.

Doxology.

A Lutheran Historical Exhibit was displayed in the building of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, Thirteenth and Locust Streets, during the whole Convention.

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23	1891	Buffalo, N. Y.	G. F. Krotel, D.D., LL.D.	Rev. G. W. Mechling.	Rev. John Nicum, D.D.	W. H. Staake, Esq.	9	63	45	108
24	1893	Ft. Wayne, Ind.	C. A. Swenson, Ph.D.	Rev. G. W. Mechling.	Rev. John Nicum, D.D.	W. H. Staake, Esq.	8	54	28	82
25	1895	Easton, Pa.	E. F. Moldehnke, D.D.	Rev. W. K. Frick.	Rev. John Nicum.	W. H. Staake, Esq.	8	65	42	107
26	1897	Erie, Pa.	E. F. Moldehnke, D.D.	Rev. W. K. Frick.	Rev. G. C. Berkemeier.	W. H. Staake, Esq.	9	71	44	115
27	1899	Chicago, Ill.	M. C. Ranseen, D.D.	Rev. W. K. Frick.	Rev. G. C. Berkemeier.	W. H. Staake, Esq.	9	91	49	140
28	1901	Lima, Ohio.	M. C. Ranseen, D.D.	Rev. S. E. Ochsenford, D.D.	Rev. G. C. Berkemeier.	W. H. Staake, Esq.	10	87	49	136
29	1903	Norristown, Pa.	T. E. Schmauk, D.D.	Rev. S. E. Ochsenford, D.D.	Rev. G. C. Berkemeier.	W. H. Staake, Esq.	11	91	58	149
30	1905	Milwaukee, Wis.	T. E. Schmauk, D.D.	Rev. W. K. Frick, D.D.	Rev. G. C. Berkemeier.	W. H. Staake, Esq.	10	110	53	163
31	1907	Buffalo, N. Y.	T. E. Schmauk, D.D.	Rev. W. K. Frick, D.D.	Rev. G. C. Berkemeier.	W. H. Staake, (Hon.)	11	113	81	194
32	1909	Minneapolis, Minn.	T. E. Schmauk, D.D.	Rev. W. K. Frick, D.D.	Rev. G. C. Berkemeier.	C. A. Smith, (Hon.)	13	131	78	209
33	1911	Lancaster, Pa.	T. E. Schmauk, D.D., LL.D.	Rev. W. K. Frick, D.D.	Rev. G. C. Berkemeier.	C. A. Smith, (Hon.)	13	108	78	186
34	1913	Toledo, Ohio.	T. E. Schmauk, D.D., LL.D.	Rev. W. K. Frick, D.D.	Rev. G. C. Berkemeier.	A. G. Anderson.	13	110	65	175
35	1915	Rock Island, Ill.	T. E. Schmauk, D.D., LL.D.	Rev. W. K. Frick, D.D.	Rev. G. C. Berkemeier.	A. G. Anderson.	14	149	86	235
36	1917	Philadelphia, Pa.	T. E. Schmauk, D.D., LL.D.	Rev. W. K. Frick, D.D.	Rev. G. C. Berkemeier.	A. G. Anderson.	14	126	91	217

7. SYNODICAL AND CONFERENCE OFFICERS AND MEETINGS

Place and Date
of Next Meeting
May 21, 1918

Treasurers

Secretaries

Presidents and Vice-Presidents, or
Mission Superintendents

Synods and Conferences

I. Ministerium of Pennsylvania

1. Allentown..... Rev. J. H. Orr..... Rev. H. D. E. Siebott, Ger..... Rev. W. D. C. Keiter, D.D.....
CONFERENCE..... 1416 S. Penn Sq., Philadelphia.....
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Nazareth, Pa.....
2. Danville..... Rev. J. L. Yonce, Danville, Pa.....
3. Lancaster..... Rev. J. H. Streng, Lebanon, Pa.....
4. Norristown..... Rev. D. H. Reiter, Quakertown, Pa.....
5. Philadelphia (English)..... Rev. U. S. G. Bertolet, 708 Collins
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6. Philadelphia (German)..... Rev. A. Biemuller, Tacony, Phila., Pa.....
7. Pottsville..... Rev. A. H. Klick..... Rev. A. H. Klick, Pine Grove, Pa.....
8. Reading..... Rev. W. F. Deibert..... Rev. J. O. Schlenker, Kutztown, Pa.....
9. Wilkes-Barre..... Rev. W. H. C. Lauer..... Rev. F. E. Reichard, Packerton, Pa.....

II. Ministerium of New York.

- CONFERENCE..... Rev. Julius F. Holstein, Ph.D., 77
Midwood St., Brooklyn, N. Y.....
1. Albany..... Rev. Theo. O. Posselt, Ger.....
2. Connecticut..... Rev. R. Nieder.....
3. Long Island..... Rev. A. H. Klick.....
4. New Jersey..... Rev. W. F. Deibert.....
5. New York..... Rev. W. H. C. Lauer.....
6. Rochester..... Rev. Otto Kleine.....
7. Pitsburgh Synod..... Rev. H. H. Krauss.....
- CONFERENCE..... Rev. R. B. Lynch.....
1. Erie..... Rev. W. E. Frey.....
2. German..... Rev. E. A. Tappert.....
3. Greensburg..... Rev. E. H. Daugherty.....
4. Kittanning..... Rev. R. W. Yeaney.....
5. Pittsburgh..... Rev. J. L. Fischer.....
6. Ridgway..... Rev. R. D. Roeder.....
7. Rochester..... Rev. J. L. Miller.....

III. Pitsburgh Synod.

- CONFERENCE..... Rev. D. M. Kemmer..... Rev. George L. Rankin.....
Rev. J. J. Myers, Asst..... Homestead, Pa., Box 147.....
Rev. W. S. Langshans.....
1. Erie..... Rev. C. A. Stolz.....
2. German..... Rev. J. E. Scholl.....
3. Greensburg..... Rev. H. Martins.....
4. Kittanning..... Rev. H. F. Obenauf.....
5. Pittsburgh..... Rev. W. C. Beck.....
6. Ridgway..... Rev. J. H. Graf.....
7. Rochester..... Rev. E. F. Ritter.....

IV. District Synod of Ohio.

- CONFERENCE..... Rev. R. A. Albert.....
1. Northern..... Rev. J. A. Schofer.....
2. Southeastern..... Rev. I. Whitman.....
3. Southwestern..... Rev. Joseph A. Anderson..... M. K. T. Anderson, State Bank, Rock
Island, Ill.....

V. Augustana Synod.

- CONFERENCE..... Mr. August Johnson, 3148 22d San
Francisco, California.....
1. California..... Rev. E. O. Olman, Stockholm, Sask.,
Can.....
2. Canada..... Rev. Axel M. Green, 6518-22 St., N. W.
Seattle, Wash.....
3. Columbia..... Rev. Ph. G. Thelander, Batavia, Ill.....
4. Illinois..... Rev. S. H. Newman, Burnside, Ia.....
5. Iowa..... Rev. N. E. Kron.....

St. John's
Erie, Pa.
May 29, 1918

SYNODICAL AND CONFERENCE OFFICERS AND MEETINGS (Continued)

Synods and Conferences	Presidents and Vice-Presidents, or Mission Superintendents	Secretaries	Treasurers	Place and Date of Next Meeting
6. Kansas.....	Rev. E. P. Olsson D.D. Rev. G. A. Dorf.....	Rev. A. W. Lindquist.....	Rev. J. F. Ahlin Osage City, Kans....	Holy Trinity Ft. Wayne, Ind. June 13, 1918
7. Minnesota.....	Rev. P. A. Mattson, Ph.D. D.D. Rev. J. E. Linner.....	Rev. J. B. A. Idstrom.....	Rev. Gustaf Rast, D D., Carver, Minn.	
8. Nebraska.....	Rev. C. F. Sandahl..... Rev. C. T. Carlson.....	Rev. E. G. Knock.....	Mr Gust. Monteen Wahoo, Neb.....	
9. New England.....	Rev. S. G. Hagglund..... Rev. S. G. Youngert, D.D. Ph.D.	Rev. Julius Hulteen.....	Rev. J. A. Eckstrom, 44 Wachusett St., Worcester, Mass.....	Church of the Redeemer Milwaukee, Wis.
10. New York.....	Rev. Julius Lincoln, D.D.....	Rev. A. E. Ericsson.....	Rev. Otto E. Oleen, 46 Lake St., Ashtabula, O.....	
11. Red River Valley.....	Rev. S. W. Swenson.....	Rev. J. M. Persenius.....	Mr. Aug. Lundgren, Warren, Mich....	
12. Superior.....	Rev. C. A. Lund.....	Rev. C. J. Silfversten.....	Mr. Albert J. Hasselblad, Ishpeming, Mich.....	Holy Trinity, North Yakima, Wash. June 5, 1918
VI. Canada Synod. CONFERENCES	Rev. E. Hoffman, D.D.....	Rev. H. L. Henkel.....	Rev. E. Holm, Waterloo. Ont.....	
1. Eastern.....				
2. Middle.....				
3. Western.....				
VII. Chicago Synod CONFERENCES.	Rev. C. L. Warstler.....	Rev. W. J. Seiberling.....	Mr Fred Sachse, 5510 Magnolia Ave. Chicago.....	
1. Northeastern.....	Rev. A. H. Keck.....	Rev. G. F. Dittmar.....		
2. Northwestern.....	Rev. A. P. Lentz.....	Rev. Prof. P. H. Roth.....		
3. Southern.....	Rev. W. J. Seiberling.....	Rev. B. L. Stroup.....		
VIII. English Synod of the Northwest. CONFERENCES	Rev. G. Keller Rubrecht.....	Rev. L. W. Steckel.....	Mr. Jacob K. Jensen, 508 Jackman Bldg., Janesville. Wis.....	
1. Central.....	Rev. W. P. Christy.....	Rev. W. H. Gable.....	Rev. W. H. Gable, Glenburn, N. D....	
2. Western.....	Rev. W. S. Ulrich.....	Rev. J. F. Fedders.....	Rev. J. Fedders, 1029 Washington Ave Racine Wis.....	
3. Wisconsin.....	Rev. J. F. Beates.....	Rev. E. E. Tuerkheim.....	Mr. K. Weidenhammer, Spruce Grove, Alta, Canada.....	
IX. German Manitoba Synod. CONFERENCES.	Rev. H. Becker.....			
1. Alberta.....				
2. Manitoba.....				
3. Saskatchewan.....	Rev. F. W. Bussard.....	Rev. W. I. Eck.....	Charles L. Trabert, Esq., 2736 Elm- wood Ave. Berkeley, Cal.....	
X. Pacific Synod. CONFERENCES.	Rev. C. F. Knoll, Ph.D..... Rev. M. E. Boulton.....	Rev. F. T. Lucas..... Rev. A. Engeset.....		
1. German.....	Rev. Emil Meyer.....	Rev. Theo. Schoenberg.....		
2. Northern.....				
3. Southern.....				
XI. New York and New England Synod CONFERENCES.	Rev. F. F. Fry. D.D.....	Rev. H. C. Erbes.....	Mr. Fred. J. Walter, Kingston, N. Y.....	
1. Eastern.....				
2. Western.....				
XII. Nova Scotia Synod. CONFERENCES.	Rev. G. B. Pifer.....	Rev. E. V. Smith.....	Rev. E. X. V. Nonamaker, Wentzell's Lake, Nova Scotia.....	
1. Northern.....	Rev. H. G. Corleis.....			
2. Southern.....	Rev. D. K. Fetterly.....	Rev. E. B. Smith.....	Mr. Joseph Zinck.....	
XIII. Central Canada Synod. CONFERENCES	Rev. J. Maurer.....	Rev. N. Willison.....	Mr. C. H. Fierheller, 359 Huron St., Toronto. Ont., Can.....	
1. Eastern.....	Rev. L. M. McCreary.....			
2. Western.....	Rev. W. H. Knauf.....			
XIV. Old Texas Synod	Rev. W. C. Wolfsdorf.....			

8. STATISTICAL REPORT OF SYNODS AND INSTITUTIONS

DISTRICT SYNODS IN 1916

Name of Synod	Organized	Conferences	Ordained Ministers	Congregations	Membership		Finances				Schools				
					Baptized	Confirmed	Value of Church Property	Local Expenses	Benevolences	Parochial	Teachers	Pupils	Sunday	Officers and Teachers	Scholars
1 Ministerium of Pennsylvania.....	1748	9	366	574	*220,000	159,840	\$8,112,511	\$1,161,200	85 \$238,598	76	40	121	3,346	551	11,228
2 Ministerium of New York.....	1773	5	160	155	95,378	55,316	4,545,088	427,300	00	62,518	00	77	98	203	3,204
3 Pittsburgh Synod.....	1843	7	158	186	*50,000	35,172	2,461,700	257,235	25	75,050	00	5	6	190	2,206
4 District Synod of Ohio.....	1857	3	55	89	20,691	14,340	989,425	139,206	05	19,138	76	..	..	89	1,268
5 Augustana Synod.....	1860	12	706	1,207	274,859	187,578	12,073,053	1,843,016	00	362,640	00	509	628	1,200	10,847
6 Synod of Canada.....	1861	3	43	74	23,118	14,050	600,498	69,647	00	14,548	00	30	18	65	606
7 Chicago Synod.....	1871	3	33	63	12,225	8,643	669,550	59,787	18	22,950	65	..	..	49	610
8 English Synod of the Northwest.....	1891	2	38	46	19,934	11,815	784,644	106,286	09	13,991	74	..	..	44	720
9 Manitoba Synod.....	1897	3	29	60	9,529	4,177	169,725	18,584	00	5,616	00	33	34	33	85
10 Pacific Synod.....	1901	2	14	24	3,517	1,793	241,100	21,007	90	3,108	51	2	2	25	161
11 Synod of N. Y. & New England.....	1902	2	64	56	28,971	19,315	2,198,171	251,426	21	49,335	84	2	12	54	1,474
12 Nova Scotia Synod.....	1903	2	6	28	6,900	2,901	121,929	26,157	75	2,078	81	..	..	19	173
13 Synod of Central Canada.....	1909	2	7	16	2,596	1,292	188,475	22,101	57	7,518	87	..	..	15	120
14 Texas Synod.....	1851	..	8	14	*3,000	1,177	45,000	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	970
Total—14.....	..	55	1,687	2,592	770,718	517,409	\$33,200,869	\$4,402,955	85	\$877,093	94	698	919	27,044	2,537
															298,798

DISTRICT SYNODS IN 1917

1 Ministerium of Pennsylvania.....	1748	9	411	579	225,436	161,486	\$10,204,363	\$1,171,781	70	\$223,835	31	19	92	2,120	551	10,800
2 Ministerium of New York.....	1773	5	157	153	93,800	53,920	4,325,167	518,578	95	63,869	80	65	86	2,780	194	3,232
3 Pittsburgh Synod.....	1843	7	165	192	54,152	37,621	3,389,150	328,966	79	155,936	77	7	11	292	194	2,463
4 District Synod of Ohio.....	1857	3	55	92	18,469	13,355	870,350	115,581	66	19,352	43	..	..	..	79	1,067
5 Augustana Synod.....	1860	12	637	1,168	276,528	190,141	13,381,880	1,969,807	35	394,889	12	430	599	17,225	967	10,834
6 Synod of Canada.....	1861	3	42	74	23,473	14,410	624,300	68,188	63	11,317	77	30	18	820	63	596
7 Chicago Synod.....	1871	3	38	66	12,109	8,753	718,250	74,936	91	19,001	25	..	..	..	56	620
8 English Synod of the Northwest.....	1891	3	40	48	21,184	12,372	878,050	133,644	13	15,970	38	..	..	..	47	740
9 Manitoba Synod.....	1897	3	30	56	9,736	4,632	167,202	32,939	00	3,995	16	32	33	1,004	37	90
10 Pacific Synod.....	1901	3	17	24	3,508	1,849	241,650	21,549	59	3,436	20	3	3	71	24	164
11 Synod of N. Y. & New England.....	1902	2	65	56	31,436	19,651	2,104,572	291,788	86	44,233	53	..	..	..	52	1,366
12 Nova Scotia Synod.....	1903	2	8	28	7,063	3,069	122,000	14,667	97	2,222	64	..	..	..	16	164
13 Synod of Central Canada.....	1909	2	7	14	3,066	1,823	144,915	16,821	17	3,788	55	..	..	..	16	150
14 Texas Synod.....	1851	..	8	14	*3,000	1,177	45,000	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total—14.....	..	57	1,680	2,564	782,960	524,259	\$37,216,849	\$4,759,252	71	\$961,848	91	586	842	24,312	2,296	32,286
																291,882

*Estimated.

EDUCATIONAL
Theological Seminaries

NAME	Founded	Location	President	Value of Property	Amount of Endow't	Volumes in Library	Profs.	Students
Augustana.....	1860	Rock Island, Ill.	Rev. G. A. Andreen, Ph. D.	\$484,759	\$458,736	22,220	4	89
Philadelphia.....	1864	Mt. Airy, Phila., Pa.	Rev. H. E. Jacobs, D.D., LL.D., S.T.D.	400,000	368,793	26,400	8	67
Chicago.....	1891	Maywood, Ill.	Rev. E. F. Krauss, D.D.	200,000	.....	12,000	7	61
Pacific Lutheran.....	1910	Seattle, Wash.	Rev. P. W. H. Frederick, B. D.	25,000	2,000	500	2	6
Evangelical Lutheran.....	1911	Waterloo, O., Can.	Rev. P. A. Laury, D. D.	45,000	.....	1,300	4	11
Total—5				\$1,154,759	\$829,529	62,420	25	234

Colleges

NAME	Founded	Location	President	Value of Property	Amount of Endow't	Volumes in Library	Profs.	In Col.	Other Gr.	For. Min.
Augustana.....	(co) 1860	Rock Island, Ill.	Rev. G. A. Andreen, Ph. D.	*	*	*	26	221	337	89
Gustavus Adolphus.....	(co) 1862	St. Peter, Minn.	Rev. O. J. Johnson	\$200,000	\$250,000	12,500	26	183	187	25
Muhlenberg.....	1867	Allentown, Pa.	Rev. J. A. W. Haas, D.D., LL.D.	877,360	302,719	22,000	14	221	187	43
Thiel.....	(co) 1870	Greenville, Pa.	Rev. H. W. Elson, Ph.D.	220,000	61,000	10,000	14	85	60	26
Bethany.....	(co) 1881	Lindsborg, Kan.	Rev. E. F. Pihlblad, D.D., A.M.	222,949	131,193	10,000	40	78	715	4
Wagner Memorial.....	1883	Rochester, N. Y.	Rev. J. A. W. Kirsch	37,400	16,613	1,800	5	36	...	36
Upsala.....	(co) 1893	Kenilworth, N. J.	Rev. Peter Froeberg, B. D.	75,550	.....	2,500	10	14	87	34
Weidner Institute.....	(co) 1900	Mulberry, Ind.	Rev. J. H. Arbaugh, A. B.	25,000	5,000	1,000	10	20	60	12
Evangelical Lutheran.....	1912	Saskatoon, Sask.	Rev. J. Goos	20,000	.....	.....	3	6	...	4
Waterloo.....	1915	Waterloo, O., Can.	Rev. P. A. Laury, D.D.	*	.....	*	7	13	...	...
Total—10				\$1,678,259	\$766,525	59,800	155	877	1633	273

Academies

NAME	Founded	Location	Principal	Value of Property	Amount of Endow't	Volumes in Library	Teachers	Students	Stu. for Ministry
Allentown Preparatory.....	1867	Allentown, Pa.	Prof. Frank G. Sigman, A. M.	\$150,000	.....	600	9	100	15
Luther.....	(co) 1883	Wahoo, Neb.	Prof. A. T. Seashon, B.D.	68,000	\$ 30,000	3,000	16	207	18
Northwestern College.....	(co) 1900	Fergus Falls, Minn.	Rev. Carl Solomonson, B.D.	32,000	.....	600	8	135	8
Minnesota College.....	(co) 1904	Minneapolis, Minn.	Prof. Frank Nelson	175,000	.....	2,300	20	628	24
Coeur d' Alene College.....	(co) 1907	Coeur d' Alene, Ida.	Rev. C. J. Renhard	65,000	.....	.....	8	77	10
North Star College.....	(co) 1908	Warren, Minn.	Prof. C. E. Sjaststrand	65,000	.....	1,500	7	140	2
Trinity College.....	(co) 1906	Round Rock, Texas.	Rev. Theo. Seashore	41,125	3,000	500	6	52	...
Total—7				\$596,125	\$33,000	8,500	74	1339	77

Ladies' Seminary

Lankenau School for Girls.....	1890	Philadelphia, Pa.	Rev. E. F. Bachmann	\$200,000		1,350	14	100	...
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(*) Reported under Theological Seminaries
(co) Are Co-educational

9. GENERAL COUNCIL HOME MISSIONS

I. Supported by the Board of English Home Missions

[See pages 193-196]

II. Supported by the Board of German Home Missions

I. IN CONNECTION WITH THE PACIFIC SYNOD

PLACE	CHURCH	PASTOR	Commu- nicants	S. S. Scholars	Church Property		Value of Property
					Ch.	Par.	
Oregon City, Ore.....	Zion's.....	W. R. Kraxberger..	105	42	Ch. and Par....	\$	3,000
Macksburg, Ore.....	Christ's.....	F. Lucas.....	64	30	Ch. and Par....		2,000
New Era, Ore.....	St. John's.....	F. Lucas.....	41	10	Church.....		350
Needy, Ore.....		F. Lucas.....	16	12			
Camas, Wash.....	Zion's.....	F. Lucas.....		10	Ch. and Par....		1,600

II. IN CONNECTION WITH THE SYNOD OF MANITOBA AND OTHER PROVINCES

Gretna, Man.....	St. Paul's.....	P. F. Ewald.....	64	24	Ch. and Par....	\$	3,600
Rosenfeld, Man.....	St. John's.....	P. F. Ewald.....	90		Church.....		1,400
Thalberg, Man.....	Trinity.....	P. B. Merz.....	154	35	Church.....		2,000
Gruenwald, Man.....	St. John's.....	P. B. Merz.....	84	16			
Russell, Man.....	Bethanien.....	G. Heimann.....	100	25	Parsonage.....		1,500
Russell, Man.....	New Kana.....	G. Heimann.....	30				
Niverville, Man.....	St. John's.....	H. Becker.....	41		Church.....		800
Friedensfeld, Man.....		H. Becker.....	37				
Moosehorn, Man.....	St. Thomas.....	H. Becker.....	43	14	Church.....		700
Camper, Man.....	Immanuel.....	H. Becker.....	46				
Neudorf, Sask.....	Zion's.....	M. Richter.....	187	30	Ch. and Par....		5,000
Kennell, Sask.....	Immanuel.....	Th. Hempel.....	80		Ch. and Par....		5,500
Cornfield, Sask.....	Friedens.....	G. Mueller.....	55	6	Church.....		500
Esk, Sask.....	Trinity.....	P. v. Toerne.....	83	24	Ch. and Par....		2,000
Guernsey, Sask.....		P. v. Toerne.....	26				
Lockwood, Sask.....		P. v. Toerne.....	7				
Duff, Sask.....	St. John's.....	H. Struewing.....	43	6	Ch. and Par....		700
Goodeve, Sask.....	St. Peter's.....	H. Struewing.....	45		Church.....		800
Hubbard, Sask.....		H. Struewing.....	32				
Saskatoon, Sask.....	Trinity.....	J. Goos, Dir.....			Ch. and Par....		7,000
Luseland, Sask.....	St. John's.....	C. W. Sterzer.....	53	35	Church.....		1,000
Luseland-Village.....	St. Paul's.....	C. W. Sterzer.....	22	8			
Elbourne, Sask.....	St. Paul's.....	P. Tournay.....	55				
Serath, Sask.....	St. Paul's.....	P. Tournay.....	18				
Edmonton, Alta.....	St. John's.....	H. W. Harms.....	128	47	Ch. and Par....		27,000
Strathcona, Alta.....	Trinity.....	Th. Hartig.....	185	55	Ch. and Par....		19,000
Wetaskiwin, Alta.....	St. John's.....	K. Raschke.....	138		Ch. and Par....		3,500
Leduc, Alta.....	St. John's.....	J. Masuhr.....	69	20	Ch. and Par....		2,200
East Leduc, Alta.....	St. Paul's.....	J. Masuhr.....	80	20	Church.....		1,800
New Sarepta, Alta.....	St. John's.....	H. Walbaum.....	70	15	Parsonage.....		1,600
Hay Lake, Alta.....	St. Stephen's.....	H. Walbaum.....	80				
Bashaw, Alta.....	St. Peter's.....	A. Schlange.....	110	10	Ch. and Par....		3,800
Wiste, Alta.....	St. Peter's.....	A. Schlange.....	40	30	Church.....		1,000

III. Supported by the Board of Slav and Hungarian Missions

[See pages 88-89]

IV. Supported by District Synods

I. AUGUSTANA SYNOD

PLACE	CHURCH	PASTOR	Commu- nicants	S. S. Scholars	Church Property		Value of Property
					Ch.	Par.	
Monson, Me.....	Zion.....	Vacant.....	60	13	Frame.....		\$ 8,500
Portland, Me.....	Immanuel.....	C. P. Edlund.....	50	35	Brick.....		17,700
Stockholm, Me.....	Adolf Fredrik.....	A. A. Dahlberg.....	62	30	Frame.....		2,000
Brattleboro, Vt.....	Sw. Luth.....	E. A. Peterson.....	107	30	Frame.....		3,500
Proctor, Vt.....	St. Paul.....	S. N. Elvin.....	179	79	Frame.....		8,000
Beverly, Mass.....	Ev. Luth.....	Hilmer Larson, v. p.	11		Lot.....		700
Brockton, Mass.....	Gethsemane.....	A. J. Hilmer, v. p.	146	72	Frame.....		5,012
Everett, Mass.....	Bethlehem.....	J. A. Broden.....	99	120	Frame.....		8,000
Malden, Mass.....	Salem.....	H. Hanson.....	115	75	Frame.....	Par	8,900
Norwood, Mass.....	Emanuel.....	L. W. Gullstrom.....	192	100	Frame.....		5,000
Pigeon Cove, Mass.....	Klippan.....	Hilmer Larson, v.p.	38	28	Frame.....		2,000
Woburn, Mass.....	Ev. Luth.....	H. Hanson.....	112	46	Frame.....		9,000
Worcester, Mass.....	Zion.....	C. Wm. Carlson.....	73	180	St. & Fr.....		7,500
Concord, N. H.....	Concordia.....	J. E. A. Evert, v.p.	51	35	Frame.....		5,900
Newport, R. I.....	Zion.....	Martin L. Swanson.....	80	71	Frame.....	Par	13,500
Centerbrook, Conn.....	Trinity.....	A. P. Bjorkman.....	37	10	Frame.....		3,800
Danbury, Conn.....	Sw. Ev. Luth.....	S. P. Swenson.....	21	12	Frame.....		3,500
Deep River, Conn.....	Bethel.....	A. P. Bjorkman.....	53	20	Frame.....		3,000
East Bridgeport, Conn.....		G. A. G. Carlson.....					
Georgetown, Conn.....	Bethlehem.....	S. P. Swenson.....	97	36	Frame.....		3,000
Norwich, Conn.....	Salem.....	F. A. Petterson.....	127	23	Frame.....	Par	10,000
So. Norwalk, Conn.....	Messias.....		12		Frame.....		3,500
Wash. Depot, Conn.....	Trinity.....	J. D. Danielson, v.p.	55	17	Frame.....		4,000
Williamantic, Conn.....	Ebenezer.....	F. A. Petterson.....	84	12	Frame.....		9,000
Ashville, N. Y.....	Bethel.....	J. A. Rinell.....	20	10	Frame.....		1,000
Astoria, N. Y.....	Salem.....	H. L. Wilson.....	89	50			
Brooklyn, N. Y.....	Saron.....	John Eastlund, v.p.	30	32	Frame.....	Par	14,000
Buffalo, N. Y.....	Trinity.....	E. F. Bergren.....	199	65	St. & Br.....	Par	22,400
Busti, N. Y.....	Bethany.....	J. A. Rinell.....	42	20	Frame.....	Par	2,200
Corning, N. Y.....	Emanuel.....	Robert Kaeiding.....	58	23			
Corona, N. Y.....	Trinity.....	H. L. Wilson.....	55	56	St. & Br.....		6,500
Dunkirk, N. Y.....	Zion.....	C. A. Stenholm.....	61	31	Frame.....	Par	8,000
Edenwald, N. Y.....	Bernadotte.....	O. W. Ohlson.....	53	85	Stone.....		7,150
*Jamestown, N. Y.....	Holy Trinity.....	E. E. Ryden.....	331	185	Brick.....	Par	30,000
Mayville, N. Y.....		Eric Boman.....	118	18	Frame.....	Par	5,500
New York, N. Y.....	Sw. Fin. St. John.....	John Gullans.....	170	85			2,000
Niagara Falls, N. Y.....	Bethany.....	E. F. Bergren.....	33	20	Frame.....		1,500
Ossining, N. Y.....	Zion.....	Wm. R. Frendberg.....	17	6			
Port Richmond, N. Y.....	Wasa.....	L. F. Nordstrom.....	75	41	Frame.....		7,500
Rochester, N. Y.....	Trinity.....	E. F. Bergren, v. p.	45				
Schenectady, N. Y.....	Gustaf Adolf.....	P. A. Zedren.....	84	25	Frame.....		5,000
White Plains, N. Y.....	Trinity.....	Wm. R. Frendberg.....	76	29	Fr. Stones.....		9,000
Bergenfield, N. J.....	Clara.....	K. A. Martin.....	38	47	Frame.....		4,500
Bayonne, N. J.....	Eleonora.....	L. F. Nordstrom.....	92	42	Frame.....		7,000
Dover, N. J.....	Trinity.....	A. B. Lilja.....	78	25	Frame.....	Par	13,700
Englewood, N. J.....	Bethesda.....	G. Lindstrom.....	21				
West New York, N. J.....	Lebanon.....	G. Lindstrom.....	133	65	Stone.....		8,500
Altoona, Pa.....	Gust. Adolphus.....	S. L. Hanson, v.p.	32		Frame.....		3,200
Brockwayville, Pa.....		O. Ostrom.....					
Galeton, Pa.....	St. Paul.....	G. S. Larson.....	55	22	Frame.....		2,500
Hastings, Pa.....	Bethany.....	D. Fredlund, v.p.	20	6	Frame.....		2,000
Jersey Shore, Pa.....	Gustaf Adolf.....	C. E. Holmer, v.p.	57	21	Frame.....	Par	7,000
Johnsonburg, Pa.....	First Luth.....	O. Ostrom, v. p.	25				
Monessen, Pa.....							
New Castle, Pa.....	Zion.....	Emil Westlund, v.p.	28	11	Frame.....		3,200
Philadelphia, Pa.....	Zion.....	A. E. Ericsson.....	135	70	St. & Fr.....		26,000
Philadelphia, Pa.....	Gustaf Adolf.....	C. A. Bergendof.....	100	50	Brick.....		15,000
Pittsfield, Pa.....	St. Paul.....	C. Jacobson, v. p.	11		Frame.....		2,000
Winburne, Pa.....	Lebanon.....	D. Fridlund.....	80	55	Frame.....	Par	2,500
Windber, Pa.....	Gust. Adolphus.....	D. Fridlund, v. p.	25	23	Frame.....		3,000
Baltimore, Md.....	St. Olaf.....	F. N. Anderson.....	47		Frame.....		6,000
Washington, D.C.....		F. N. Anderson.....					
Belvedere, Ill.....	Zion.....	M. P. Oden.....	190	30	Brick.....	Par	13,380
Blue Island, Ill.....	Siloa.....	C. A. V. Lund.....	167	80	Frame.....	Par	8,500

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					Ch.	Par.	
Berwyn, Ill.	Augustana	J. G. Dahlberg	180	90	Brick	Par	\$13,382
Canton, Ill.	Bethlehem	W. Ekeberg, v. p.	37	14	Frame		3,500
Chicago, Ill.	Nebo	M. C. Ranseen, D.D.	245	235	Brick		30,000
*Chicago, Ill.	Bethel	Oscar Purn	165	137	Stucco		12,000
*Chicago, Ill.	Grace	Oscar Nelson	131	92	Frame		9,500
Chicago, Ill.	Olavus Petri	Ph. Andreen	102	67	Frame		8,000
Chicago, Ill.	Messiah	F. A. Bonander	130	200	Brick	Par	14,000
Chicago, Ill.	St. John	L. A. Herman	105	100	Frame		5,500
Chicago, Ill.	Capernaum	C. J. Johnson, v. p.	40	27	Frame		3,000
Chicago Heights, Ill.	Immanuel	C. A. V. Lund, v.p.	64		Frame		5,500
Cragin, Chicago, Ill.	Lebanon	E. T. Smith	143	140	Frame		8,000
Gibson City, Ill.	Salem	M. Frykman	85	18	Frame	Par	5,500
Gladstone, Ill.	Immanuel	W. P. Anderson	34	30			
Granville, Ill.		A. S. Hamilton, v.p	84	38	Frame	Par	6,000
Harvey, Ill.	Tabor	C. A. V. Lund	46	50	Frame		4,000
Highwood, Ill.	Zion	G. M. Thimell	68	30	Frame		4,000
Highland Park, Ill.		G. M. Thimell	22				
Kirkland, Ill.		J. A. Benander, v.p.	89	30	Frame	Par	7,500
LaGrange, Ill.	Emmaus	O. E. Liden	113	115	Brick	Par	15,000
Moline, Ill.	Salem	Edw. Ekstrom	253	210	Brick		9,000
*Moline, Ill.	Trinity	Walter Tillberg	130	100	Frame		7,900
Morrison, Ill.	Bethesda	Alfred Nelson	65		Frame		2,000
North Henderson, Ill.		J. B. Bennett	170	25	Frame	Par	5,000
Prophetstown, Ill.		Alfred Nelson	118	30	Frame	Par	4,500
Sibley, Ill.		M. Frykman	41		Frame		2,000
Stronghurst, Ill.		W. P. Anderson	123	45	Frame		6,270
Utica, Ill.	Ansgarii	A. S. Hamilton, v. p	51	10	Frame		2,400
East Chicago, Ind.	St. Paul	A. W. Johnson	59	61	Frame		5,000
Gary, Ind.	Bethlehem	H. P. Ottoson	180	56	Brick		18,000
Indiana Harbor, Ind.	Gennesareth	A. W. Johnson	38	49	Frame		4,500
Alabaster, Mich.		A. P. Sater, v. p.	31				
American Soo, Mich.		A. C. Youngdahl					
Detroit, Mich.	Bethlehem	G. S. Swensson	249	84	Brick	Par	16,000
Flint, Mich.	Salem	A. P. Sater, v. p.	50		Frame		5,000
Fruitvale, Mich.							
Gladstone, Mich.	Ebenezer	Herman Lind	140	100	Frame	Par	8,500
Munising, Mich.	Eden	J. A. Burman	110	58	Cement		6,000
Negaunee, Mich.	Bethania	C. E. Lundgren, v.p.	107	86	Frame	Par	3,700
Newberry, Mich.	Messias	A. C. Youngdahl	105	95	Frame	Par	6,300
Roscommon, Mich.							
Saginaw, Mich.							
Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.	Elim	A. C. Youngdahl	30	18	Frame		3,500
St. Ignace, Mich.	Zion	Vacant	40	18	Frame		2,000
Skandia, Mich.	Emanuel	J. A. Burman	64	33	Brick		3,000
Stonington, Mich.	Bethel	Herman Lind	54	25	Frame		3,000
Whitefish, Mich.		Herman Lind	34	30	Frame		1,200
Amery, Wis.	Ebenezer	M. Th. Andren	87	33	Frame		5,100
Bennett, Wis.	Immanuel	A.Theo.Ekblad, v.p.	44		Frame		2,000
Bayfield, Wis.		A. Road	22	15	Frame		2,500
Birch Lake, Wis.	Trinity	A. Road	15		Frame		800
Centuria, Wis.	Fristad	C. J. Collin	208	65	Cm. & Br.	Par	9,250
Conover, Wis.	Gustaf Adolf	C. J. Silfversten	85	56			
Falun, Wis.		S. Udden	35	18	Frame		2,500
Gillett, Wis.							
Glen Flora, Wis.							
Grantsburg, Wis.	Salem	S. Udden	30	22	Frame		3,500
Madison, Wis.		E. H. Karlson	67	20	Frame		6,000
Man Valley, Wis.		Vacant	40	17	Frame		1,200
Mellen, Wis.	Zion	F. E. W. Kastman	22		Frame		2,200
Milwaukee, Wis.	First Sw. Luth.	F. Swenson	78	55	Frame		7,700
Mosling, Wis.	Zion	Emil Swenson, v.p.	28	20	Frame		2,500
Mountain, Wis.	Tabor	Emil Swenson, v.p.	67	50	Frame		1,000
New Richmond, Wis.		Vacant	42	20	Brick		2,500
Park Falls, Wis.							
Phillips, Wis.	Phillippi	G. H. Bomgrin, v.p.	3		Frame		1,000
Poplar, Wis.	Bethany	A.Theo.Ekblad, v.p.	67	57	Frame	Par	4,000
Port Wing, Wis.		E. J. Nordin	92	65	Frame	Par	6,500
Prentice, Wis.	Bethlehem	C. J. Silfversten, v.p.	105	40	Frame	Par	4,500

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					Ch.	Par.	
Racine, Wis.	First Luth.	Joseph Hultberg	125	40	Brick	Par	\$20,000
Rice Lake, Wis.	Immanuel	O. F. Domey	133	30	Frame	Par	5,200
Shell Lake, Wis.	Salem	O. F. Domey	45		Frame		2,500
Star Prairie, Wis.		Vacant	60	7	Frame		2,000
Washburn, Wis.	Emanuel	A. Road	38	18	Frame	Par	2,600
Aitkin Co., Minn.	Maria	Vacant	13	10	Frame		1,200
Aitkin Co., Minn.	Bethlehem	Vacant	93	25	Frame		1,400
Aitkin, Minn.	St. Paul	Vacant	97	36	Frame	Par	6,250
Anoka, Minn.	Zion	J. E. Erlander	68	55	Frame	Par	4,500
Argyle, Minn.	Bloomwood	J. W. Lundgren	20				
Avoca, Minn.	Lime Lake	L. J. Fihn	74	24	Frame	Par	4,600
Belview, Minn.	Immanuel	E. E. T. Anderson	107	40	Frame		10,250
Bemidji, Minn.	Bethel	J. H. Randahl	40	40	Frame		3,500
Big Lake, Minn.	Saron	E. J. Werner, v. p.	43	9	Frame		1,400
Bovey, Minn.	Bethel	E. Floreen	12	23	Frame		2,250
Brunswick, Minn.		Oscar Ebb	160	52	Frame	Par	3,000
Buhl, Minn.		E. Floreen					
Chistdala, Minn.		E. Norsen	77	13	Frame	Par	3,500
Carlton, Minn.	Bethesda	E. J. Peterson	73	40	Frame	Par	5,000
Chisholm, Minn.	Salem	J. B. A. Idstrom	30	54	St. & Fr.		4,000
Clear Brook, Minn.	Betsaida	H. S. Chilgren	59	18	Frame		2,500
Clear Brook, Minn.	Oak Park	H. S. Chilgren	55		Frame		2,250
Crosby, Minn.	Immanuel	S. H. Swanson	72	101	Blocks		2,800
Cuyuna, Minn.	Dalnas	S. H. Swanson	18	35			
Crookston, Minn.	Emanuel	F. M. Eckman, v. p.	40		Frame		2,000
Dell Grove, Minn.		G. Peterson	70	26	Frame		1,200
Deerwood, Minn.	First Sw.	S. H. Swanson	64		Frame		1,200
Deer Lake, Minn.	Clara	E. Floreen	17	12			
Deer River, Minn.		E. Floreen					
Detroit, Minn.	Trinity	B. Modin	163	22	Frame	Par	5,000
*Duluth, Minn.	Trinity	C. O. Bengtson	266	168	Brick		18,000
Dundee, Minn.	Lund	L. J. Fihn	45	43	Frame		2,500
East Chain Lake, Minn.		C. E. Scholander	65	30	Frame		3,000
Eric'sburg, Minn.		P. O. Hanson					
Fertile, Minn.	St. John's	O. M. Anderson	60		Frame		1,200
Fosston, Minn.	Asphult	W. E. Erickson	51	10	Frame		1,750
Fairmont, Minn.		C. E. Scholander	27	12			
Grand Rapids, Minn.	Zion	E. Floreen	10	15	Frame		2,500
Gotalund, Minn.		R. Peterson	91	22	Frame		2,500
Grand Marais, Minn.							
Grygla, Minn.		A. A. Larson					
Hibbing, Minn.	Immanuel	J. B. A. Idstrom	103	132	Frame	Par	15,000
Hart Lake, Minn.	Zion	J. H. Randahl	33	27	Frame		2,000
Hinckley, Minn.		G. Peterson	92	44	Frame	Par	5,500
Hines, Minn.	First Ev. Luth.	J. H. Randahl, v. p.	41	35			
Ham Lake, Minn.		G. Wahlund	130	42	Frame	Par	5,000
Hector, Minn.		J. G. Kallberg	157	31	Frame	Par	5,500
Hishult, Minn.		J. H. Randahl, v. p.	50				
Hoflanda, Minn.		E. Norsen	61	10	Frame		2,000
Hopkins, Minn.	Gethsemane	E. A. Bongfeldt	148	86	Fr. & Br.		10,800
International Falls, Minn.	Bethel	P. O. Hanson	31	45	Frame	Par	7,500
Isle, Minn.	Zion	N. A. Almer	50	31	Frame	Par	2,000
Ivanhoe, Minn.	Elim	L. E. Sjolinder	79		Frame		1,600
Jesse Lake, Minn.	Pilgrim	E. Floreen	10				
Kansas Lake, Minn.		T. A. Conrad, v. p.	113	39	Cem. Blk.		8,000
Lakefield, Minn.	Gustaf Adolf	C. E. Scholander	25		Frame		2,000
Lancaster, Minn.	Zion	M. A. Henrickson	28	28	Frame		4,000
Leonard, Minn.	Zion	H. S. Chilgren	15				
Loman, Minn.	Bethany	P. O. Hanson	17	20			
Lyndale, Minn.		R. Peterson	80		Fr. & Br.		3,500
Mamrelund, Minn.		C. G. Gronberg	20	15	Frame		1,500
Meadow Lands, Minn.	Maria	G. Oberg	34	35	Frame		1,500
*Minneapolis, Minn.	Grace	C. A. Wendell	20	100	Brick		37,000
Minneapolis, Minn.	Bethany	J. E. Shipp	135	180	Fr. & Br.		10,000
Minneapolis, Minn.	Libanon	C. E. Elving	53	74	Concr.		2,500
Minneapolis, Minn.	Gustaf Adolf	A. Samuelson	85	175	Frame		4,000
Minneapolis, Minn.	Tabor	Emil Lund	56	30	Frame		3,000
Monticello, Minn.	Zion	E. J. Werner, v. p.	19		Frame		1,000

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					Ch.	Par.	
Middle River, Minn.	Elim.	A. A. Larson.	10		Frame		\$2,000
Morris, Minn.	Bethlehem.	C. A. Lindahl, v.p.	28	23	Frame	Par	3,040
Moose Lake, Minn.	Bethany.	L. J. Lundquist.	112	65	Frame		2,000
Mora, Minn.	Bethany.	Oscar Ebb.	60		Fr. & Br.		1,500
North Oaks, Minn.	Bethany.	J. A. LeVine.					
Nymore, Minn.	Bethany.	J. H. Randahl.					
Newfoldon, Minn.	Gustaf Adolf.	A. A. Larson.	7		Frame		1,000
Onamia, Minn.	Elim.	N. A. Almer.	9		Frame		1,000
Opstead, Minn.	Immanuel.	N. A. Almer.	17	26	Frame		1,500
Pine Grove, Minn.	Zion.	G. G. Carlson.	76	22	Frame		2,000
Pennoch, Minn.	Emanuel.	C. O. Bergquist.	87	22	Frame		3,000
Princeton, Minn.	Capernaum.	M. Peterson.	64	25	Frame		4,000
Quiring, Minn.	Nordskogs.	J. H. Randahl, v.p.	24				
Randen, Minn.	Nordskogs.	A. A. Larson.	20				
Roosevelt, Minn.	Clara.	A. F. Hoorn.					
Roseau, Minn.	Clara.	J. Moody.	60	28	Frame	Par	6,500
So. Stillwater, Minn.	Bethesda.	J. A. LeVine.	57	36	Frame	Par	4,000
St. Cloud, Minn.	Salem.	A. S. Becklund.	95	65	Brick	Par	12,000
St. Paul, Minn.	Salem.	C. E. Elving.	77	54	Frame		3,000
*St. Paul, Minn.	Arlington Hills.	N. Lundgren.	215	170	Frame		7,000
St. Paul, Minn.	Augustana.	J. A. Gustafson.	86	35	Frame		2,800
St. Paul, Minn.	Clara.	A. Noren.	184	105	Frame		2,700
Soudan, Minn.	Bethel.	K. J. Peel.	34	21	Frame		1,000
Sandy River, Minn.		H. S. Chilgren.					
Swift, Minn.		A. F. Hoorn.					
Spring Lake, Minn.		E. Floreen.					
Squaw Lake, Minn.		E. Floreen.					
St. Francis, Minn.		P. O. Hanson.					
Spooner, Minn.		A. F. Hoorn.					
Shotly, Minn.		J. H. Randahl.					
Strathcona, Minn.	Gustaf Vasa.	A. A. Larson.	26		Frame		1,000
Thorhult, Minn.		A. A. Larson.					
Thief River Falls, Minn.	First.	A. A. Larson.	68	40	Frame		5,500
Tower, Minn.	Immanuel.	K. J. Peel.	16	24	Frame		1,500
Triumph, Minn.		O. J. Nelson, v. p.	87	39	Frame		2,000
Waseca, Minn.		J. E. Eriksson.	24		Frame		1,700
W. Rock Creek, Minn.		G. G. Carlson.	43	15	Frame		1,200
Warroad, Minn.	Zion.	A. F. Hoorn.	41	29	Frame		2,800
Warba, Minn.	Bethel.	E. Floreen.	19		Frame		900
Willow Creek, Minn.	Gustaf Adolf.	A. F. Hoorn.	24	18			
West Duluth, Minn.	Bethel.	G. Oberg.	125	112	St. & Br.	Par	15,000
Wright, Minn.	Bethlehem.	E. J. Peterson.	30		Frame		2,000
White Bear, Minn.		J. A. LeVine.	65	15	Frame		3,300
Antler, N. D.		Vacant.	25				
Bismarck, N. D.		E. F. Alfson.	38	40	Brick	Par	12,000
Braddock, N. D.	Maria.	E. F. Alfson.	83	40	Frame		5,000
Basto, N. D.	Birka.	Carl H. Olson, v.p.	42	17	Frame	Par	6,755
Finley, N. D.	Hofra.	E. A. Martell.	35	20	Frame		2,825
Flasher, N. D.	Salem.	A. G. Olson.	19	15			
Gascoyne, N. D.	Bethesda.	B. N. Glinn.	13	8			
*Greene, N. D.	Messiah.	Vacant.	26				
Litchville, N. D.	Vasa.	E. A. Martell.	55	20	Frame		4,000
Minot, N. D.	First.	A. P. Green.	26	20	Frame	Par	8,000
Niobe, N. D.	Elmdale.	G. A. Ostergren.	91	60	Frame	Par	4,600
Rainey Butte, N. D.	Libanon.	A. G. Olson.	11				
Sibley, N. D.		Carl H. Olson.					
Souris, N. D.	Zion.	Vacant.	57		Fr. & St.		3,500
*Tolley, N. D.		Vacant.	56		Frame	Par	7,000
Underwood, N. D.	Augustana.	Carl H. Olson, v.p.	24	20			
Valley City, N. D.	Nebo.	E. A. Martell.	111	60	Stucco	Par	17,200
Witlon, N. D.	Sunne.	Carl H. Olson.	24		Frame	Par	4,500
Black Hawk, S. D.	Bethlehem.	J. W. Nyvall.					
Charles Mix Co., S. D.	Fridhem.	G. E. Rydquist.	43	20	Frame		3,000
Dallas, S. D.	Bethlehem.	J. J. Richard.	49	26	Frame		2,300
Hamill, S. D.	Zion.	J. J. Richard.	34	21	Frame		1,500
Lead, S. D.	Augustana.	J. W. Nyvall.	30	43	Frame	Par	6,000
Milbank, S. D.	Salem.	E. G. Swenson.	54	33	Frame		6,000
Mitchell, S. D.	Bethlehem.	G. E. Rydquist.	37		Frame		6,000

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					Ch.	Par.	
Newell, S. D.		J. W. Nyvall.					
Orient, S. D.		C. E. Cesander.	22			Par	\$2,200
Roberts Co., S. D.	Walla.	J. A. Johnson.	80	35	Frame.		4,000
Terraville, S. D.	Bethel.	J. W. Nyvall.	30		Frame.		1,500
Webster, S. D.	Augustana.	E. G. Swenson.	8		Brick.	Par	16,000
Albia, Iowa.	Ebenezer.	O. A. Landell.	16	12		Par	5,500
Akron, Iowa.	Immanuel.	D. A. Knock.	60	50	Fr. & Cm.	Par	15,000
Cedar Rapids, Iowa.	Saron.	A. G. Fjellman.	80	51	Frame.	Par	12,000
Centerville, Iowa.		O. A. Landell.	93	35	Frame.	Par	5,000
Clinton, Iowa.	Immanuel.	C. S. Odell.	128	27	Brick.	Par	15,600
Council Bluffs, Iowa.	Immanuel.	G. O. Gustafson, v.p.	80	40	Brick.	Par	10,000
Creston, Iowa.	Salem.	J. W. Kempe.	140	31	Frame.	Par	9,000
Delaware, Iowa.	Immanuel.	Vacant.	78	18	Frame.		2,200
Des Moines, Iowa.	Granview.	Carl Lorimer.	176	167	Frame.		8,250
*Des Moines, Iowa.	Bethany.	F. O. Hanson.	97	35	Frame.		6,000
Fort Dodge, Iowa.	First Sw.	K. A. Bescher.	152	42	Brick.	Par	15,000
Fairfield, Iowa.	Immanuel.	P. O. Bersell, v. p.	44	18	Frame.		3,300
Hiteman, Iowa.	Augustana.	O. A. Landell.	24		Frame.		1,800
Keokuk, Iowa.		S. C. Franzen.	82	22	Frame.	Par	6,000
*Lockridge, Iowa.	Trinity.	P. O. Bersell, v. p.	60	70	Cem. Blks.	Par	8,500
Mason City, Iowa.	Immanuel.	H. W. Linden, v.p.	61	20	Frame.		3,000
Marshalltown, Iowa.		J. P. Warner.	95	35	Brick.	Par	12,500
McGregor, Iowa.		Vacant.	64	30	Frame.		1,800
Shenandoah, Iowa.	Immanuel.	Vacant.	61	28	Frame.	Par	8,000
Sioux City, Iowa.	Immanuel.	E. P. Karleen.	102	83	Frame.	Par	14,750
Summitville, Ia.	Victoria.	S. C. Franzen.	30	30			600
Spencer, Iowa.	Bethesda.	A. E. Gustafson.	58	12	Frame.	Par	4,200
Vinton, Iowa.	Bethlehem.	A. G. Fjellman.	48		Frame.		800
Bucklin, Mo.	Bethlehem.	A. J. Berghult.	23		Frame.		900
St. Louis, Mo.	Gethsemane.	C. J. Segerhammer.	142	62	Brick.	Par	22,000
Swedeberg, Mo.		Vacant.	20		Frame.		1,000
Verona, Mo.		Vacant.	29		Frame.	Par	1,400
Anoka, Neb.	Messias.	O. A. Johnson.	70	60	Frame.		2,925
Benson, Neb.	Augustana.	C. A. Johnson.	53	22	Frame.		6,500
Boyd Co., Neb.	Rosendahl.	O. A. Johnson.	101	40	Frame.	Par	5,350
Genoa, Neb.	Augustana.	C. G. Olson.	116	60	Brick.	Par	21,000
Hershey, Neb.	Maria.	Albin Olson.	31	24		Par	3,500
Kearney, Neb.		H. A. Larson.	67	17	Frame.	Par	5,550
Minden, Neb.	Nazareth.	H. A. Larson.	47	17	Frame.		4,500
Norman, Neb.	Falun.	H. A. Larson.	34	20	Frame.		3,500
Omaha, Neb.	Bethel.	J. A. Johns.	52	38	Br. & Fr.		4,600
Omaha, Neb.	Trinity.	C. G. Bloomquist.	92	130	Frame.		5,500
North Platte, Neb.	Emanuel.	Albin Olson.	21	16			
Scandinavia, Neb.	Immanuel.	Jesper Holmquist.	79	25	Frame.		4,900
Cheyenne, Wyo.		S. P. Holmberg.	27	22	Frame.		5,200
Cody, Wyo.		O. T. Flodbergstud.					
Rock Springs, Wyo.		S. P. Holmberg.	12	15			
Sheridan, Wyo.	Libanon.	O. T. Flodbergstud.	31	33	Frame.		3,000
Brantford, Kans.	Zion.	C. F. Granere.	97	22	Stone.	Par	6,500
Cleburne, Kans.		M. J. Lonner.	25	100	Frame.		1,000
Manhattan, Kans.		V. E. Holmstedt.	39	30	Frame.		2,000
Ottawa, Kans.		F. W. Hanson.	19		Frame.		3,500
Page City, Kans.	Bethesda.	A. P. Martin.	30	16	Frame.		1,500
Sharon Springs, Kans.	Saron.	A. P. Martin.	26	32	Frame.	Par	1,800
Stockholm, Kans.	Bethania.	A. P. Martin.	80	85	Frame.		1,600
Vilas, Kans.	Bethel.	F. W. Hanson.	102	42	Frame.	Par	3,200
Waterville, Kans.	Gloria Dei.	M. J. Lonner.	64	16	Frame.	Par	6,500
Boulder, Colo.	Bethesda.	A. M. Broleen.	45	25	St. & Br.		3,500
Colorado Springs, Colo.		A. R. Hedstrom.	62	23	St. & Br.		5,600
Hartum, Colo.	Elim.	Luther Stromquist.	39		Frame.	Par	7,000
Idaho Springs, Colo.	Zion.	Vacant.	47		Frame.	Par	3,000
Leadville, Colo.	Bethania.	S. E. Johnson.	84	75	Frame.	Par	2,500
Oklahoma City, Okla.	Immanuel.	A. S. Segerhammar.	47	20	St. & Br.		6,000
Bishop, Texas.		O. H. Sylvan.	15				
Carancahua, Texas.		O. H. Sylvan.	16				
Dallas, Texas.	Emanuel.	H. B. Haterius.	16		Frame.		3,240
Elgin, Texas.							
Fort Worth, Texas.	Gustaf Adolf.	H. B. Haterius.	38	18	Brick.	Par	16,000

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					Ch.	Par.	
Galveston, Texas.....	Zion.....	Vacant.....	62		Frame.....	Par	\$15,000
Kenedy, Texas.....	Elim.....	O. H. Sylvan.....	35	21	Frame.....		1,800
Manor, Texas.....	Emaus.....	G. Olson, v. p.....	57	30	Frame.....		2,500
Astoria, Ore.....	First.....	Vacant.....	67	70	Frame.....	Par	10,000
*Astoria, Ore.....	Memorial Eng.....	Theo. A. Jansen.....	73	90	Frame.....		4,500
Carlsborg, Ore.....	.....	S. M. Hill.....	120	75	Frame.....		3,000
Cascade Locks, Ore.....	.....	A. Loreen.....	.....	.....	.....		.....
Goosberry, Ore.....	Valby.....	A. Loreen.....	44	.....	Frame.....		500
Mayger, Ore.....	.....	S. M. Hill.....	27	16	.....		.....
Marshfield, Ore.....	Coos Bay.....	Vacant.....	40	.....	Frame.....		10,000
Melrose, Ore.....	Eden.....	J. E. Carlson.....	54	25	Frame.....	Par	2,900
Mist, Ore.....	Bethlehem.....	B. S. Nystrom.....	29	20	Frame.....		800
North Bend, Ore.....	First.....	Vacant.....	40	.....	Ch.....		5,500
Powell Valley, Ore.....	Saron.....	A. Lgreen.....	63	24	Frame.....		1,300
Portland, Ore.....	Tabor.....	A. Loreen.....	28	26	Frame.....		1,000
St. Helens, Ore.....	.....	B. S. Nystrom.....	.....	.....	.....		.....
Warren, Ore.....	Bethania.....	B. S. Nystrom.....	100	80	Frame.....		4,500
Aberdeen, Wash.....	Siloam.....	Vacant.....	8	.....	Lot.....		700
Anacortes, Wash.....	Sw. Luth.....	A. T. J. Hjerper.....	28	30	Frame.....		3,000
Bellingham, Wash.....	Immanuel.....	J. A. Levin.....	18	11	Frame.....		3,000
Brush Prairie, Wash.....	Elim.....	B. S. Nystrom.....	60	20	Frame.....		1,000
Coal Creek, Wash.....	.....	J. H. Warmanen.....	.....	.....	.....		.....
Clear Brook, Wash.....	First.....	J. A. Levin.....	72	27	Frame.....		500
Everett, Wash.....	Zion.....	A. V. Anderson.....	101	97	Frame.....		12,000
Ferndale, Wash.....	Immanuel.....	J. A. Levin.....	5	6	Frame.....		400
Hartford, Wash.....	Ebenezer.....	A. V. Anderson.....	33	42	.....		.....
Hoquiam, Wash.....	Saron.....	J. Truedson.....	42	73	Frame.....		3,000
Manzanita, Wash.....	.....	J. H. Warmanen.....	.....	.....	.....		.....
Marysville, Wash.....	.....	A. V. Anderson.....	.....	.....	.....		.....
North Yakima, Wash.....	Immanuel.....	C. D. Lindquist.....	55	9	Frame.....		2,700
Olalla, Wash.....	.....	J. H. Warmanen.....	.....	.....	.....		.....
Olympia, Wash.....	Swedish-Finish.....	J. Truedson.....	29	22	Frame.....		2,500
Port Blakely, Wash.....	Bethania.....	A. Loreen.....	12	14	Frame.....		1,700
Rochester, Wash.....	Swedish-Finish.....	J. Truedson.....	54	36	Frame.....		2,200
Sand Point, Wash.....	.....	V. G. Ogren.....	.....	.....	.....		.....
Seattle, Wash.....	Bethel.....	A. Loreen.....	111	96	Frame.....		7,000
Seattle, Wash.....	Swedish-Finish.....	J. H. Warmanen.....	56	40	Frame.....		2,700
Sedro-Woolley, Wash.....	Bethlehem.....	A. T. J. Hjerpe.....	65	50	Frame.....		13,000
*Spokane, Wash.....	Trinity.....	V. G. Ogren.....	49	95	Frame.....		4,100
Spokane, Wash.....	Zion.....	O. L. Karlstrom.....	158	102	Fr. & Br.....		26,000
So. Bellingham, Wash.....	First.....	J. A. Levin.....	25	25	Frame.....		2,000
South Bend, Wash.....	Ansgarii.....	J. Truedson.....	20	11	Frame.....		1,300
So. Tacoma, Wash.....	Bethel.....	Herman Anderson.....	21	45	Frame.....		3,000
Skamokawa, Wash.....	Bethania.....	Theo. A. Jansen.....	16	.....	Frame.....		2,500
Tacoma, Wash.....	Immanuel.....	Herman Anderson.....	50	35	Frame.....	Par	1,200
Vancouver, B. C.....	First.....	C. G. Zaar.....	60	30	Fr. & Br.....	Par	45,000
Westminster, B. C.....	Immanuel.....	C. G. Zaar, v. p.....	17	12	Frame.....		2,500
S. E. British Columbia.....	.....	C. G. Zaar.....	.....	.....	.....		.....
Berkeley, Cal.....	Bethany.....	A. Kinell.....	40	65	Frame.....		6,500
Escalon, Cal.....	Sharon.....	C. E. Anderson.....	77	40	Frame.....	Par	6,000
Fresno, Cal.....	First Sw. Luth.....	G. N. Anderson.....	35	.....	Frame.....		5,000
Kerman, Cal.....	Bethania.....	G. N. Anderson.....	70	.....	Frame.....		3,800
Long Beach, Cal.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....		.....
Pasadena, Cal.....	Trinity.....	L. N. Dahlsten.....	79	10	Tile.....		4,300
Riverside, Cal.....	Eden.....	C. E. Hemborg.....	65	20	Frame.....	Par	11,000
San Diego, Cal.....	Bethesda.....	.....	50	10	.....		.....
San Pedro, Cal.....	Bethel.....	L. N. Dahlsten.....	16	.....	.....		.....
San Francisco, Cal.....	Emanuel.....	C. O. Lundquist.....	33	60	Frame.....		7,000
Turlock, Cal.....	Nazareth.....	J. Bildt.....	74	48	Frame.....		3,400
Bingham, Utah.....	Bethlehem.....	O. B. Hanson.....	32	.....	Frame.....		2,500
Eureka, Utah.....	Bethel.....	O. B. Hanson.....	15	.....	.....		.....
Ogden, Utah.....	Elim.....	O. B. Hanson.....	38	30	Frame.....	Par	6,500
Ophir, Utah.....	.....	O. B. Hanson.....	.....	.....	.....		.....
Park City, Utah.....	St. John's.....	O. B. Hanson.....	25	.....	Frame.....		2,500
Riverton, Utah.....	.....	O. B. Hanson.....	.....	.....	.....		.....
Salt Lake City, Utah.....	Zion.....	O. B. Hanson.....	54	35	Brick.....	Par	20,000
American Falls, Idaho.....		C. E. Olsson.....					
Blackfoot, Idaho.....	Immanuel.....	C. E. Olsson.....	21		Frame.....		6,000

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					Ch.	Par.	
Boise, Idaho	Immanuel	C. E. Olsson	40	13	Stone	Par	\$21,000
*Burley, Idaho		C. E. Olsson	16		Frame		1,200
Buhl, Idaho . . . . .	.....	C. E. Olsson . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Coeur d' Alene, Idaho . . .	Zion	C. J. Renhard, v. p. . .	55	45	Frame . . . . .	.....	3,000
Firth, Idaho	Bethel	Luther Cornay	45	40	Frame . . . . .	.....	3,500
Horseshoe Bend, Idaho . . .	.....	C. E. Olsson . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Idaho Falls, Idaho	Gustaf Adolf	Luther Cornay	78	34	Frame	Par	7,000
Moore, Idaho . . . . .	.....	C. E. Olsson . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mullan, Idaho . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Parma, Idaho . . . . .	.....	C. E. Olsson . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pocatello, Idaho . . . . .	.....	C. E. Olsson . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
*Payette, Idaho	Immanuel	C. E. Olsson	12	.....	Frame . . . . .	.....	2,000
Shelley, Idaho	Bethel	Luther Cornay	11	.....	Frame . . . . .	.....	600
Spencer, Idaho . . . . .	.....	Luther Cornay . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Troy, Idaho	Westdala	O. W. Westling	120	75	Frame	Par	5,000
Douglas, Alaska	Immanuel	M. L. Larson	65	78	Frame . . . . .	.....	6,000
Juneau, Alaska . . . . .	.....	M. L. Larson . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Barber, Mont.	Grace	Vacant	20	15	Lots . . . . .	.....	800
Butte, Mont.	Emanuel	D. N. Anderson	46	91	Frame . . . . .	.....	13,020
E. Helena, Mont. . . . .	.....	P. A. Fair . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Great Falls, Mont.	Bethlehem	N. J. Forsberg	79	46	Brick	Par	20,000
Helena, Mont.	St. John's	P. A. Fair	81	23	Brick	Par	12,200
Hamilton, Mont. . . . .	.....	T. V. Anderson . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Milltown, Mont. . . . .	.....	T. V. Anderson . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Missoula, Mont.	Emanuel	T. V. Anderson	77	45	Frame . . . . .	.....	6,573
Fruithurst, Ala.	Emanuel	Arnold Nelson, Stu. . .	16	.....	.....	.....	.....
Silver Hill, Ala.	Zion	Arnold Nelson, Stu. . .	20	21	Frame . . . . .	.....	3,000
St. Elmo, Ala. . . . .	.....	Arnold Nelson, Stu. . .	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Thorsby, Ala.	Concordia	Arnold Nelson, Stu. . .	30	42	Frame	Par	4,500
De Land, Fla. . . . .	.....	J. E. Swanbom . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hallandale, Fla.	Bethlehem	C. J. Karl	33	10	Frame . . . . .	.....	2,750
*Miami, Fla.	Immanuel	C. J. Karl	25	.....	Frame . . . . .	.....	5,000
Pierson, Fla.	Ebenezer	J. E. Swanbom	52	10	Frame	Par	5,100
Sanford, Fla.	Upsala	J. E. Swanbom	8	.....	Frame . . . . .	.....	1,000
Tennessee Ridge, Tenn. . .	Immanuel	J. P. Leaf	35	28	Frame . . . . .	.....	2,000
Amisk, Alta., Can.	Bethania	O. Lindgren	17	.....	Frame . . . . .	.....	2,130
Assiniboia, Sask., Can. . .	Immanuel	Vacant	32	12	Lots . . . . .	.....	300
Buchanan, Sask., Can. . . .	Elim	Vacant	20	10	.....	.....	.....
Burnt Lake	Bethel	Vacant . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Clive, Alta., Can.	Saron	O. Eklund	32	.....	Frame . . . . .	.....	2,000
Czar, Alta., Can.	Immanuel	O. Lindgren	49	10	Frame . . . . .	.....	3,500
Calgary, Alta., Can.	First Sw. Luth	Vacant	24	12	Br. & Fr.	Par	50,000
Cahnar, Alta., Can. . . . .	.....	Vacant . . . . .	.....	.....	Frame . . . . .	.....	2,000
Camrose, Alta., Can.	Fridhem	L. Heiner	30	.....	Frame	Par	3,800
Eriksdale, Man. Can.	Gethsemane	Vacant	29	30	.....	.....	.....
Edmonton, Alta., Can. . . .	First Sw. Luth	Vacant . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Falun, Alta., Can.	Dalby	J. A. Forslund	24	.....	.....	.....	.....
Flemming, Sask., Can.	Fridhem	C. Thunberg	39	8	Frame . . . . .	.....	1,200
Fort William, Ont., Can. . .	Zion	P. A. Edquist	48	20	Brick	Par	12,200
Gull Lake, Sask., Can. . . .	Libanon	C. Thunberg, dis. miss .	27	.....	.....	.....	.....
Goodwater, Sask., Can. . . .	Bethel	C. Thunberg, dis. miss .	25	12	.....	.....	.....
Inwood, Man., Can. . . . .	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Kelliher, Sask., Can.	Bethel	C. Thunberg, dis. miss .	64	.....	Frame . . . . .	.....	2,500
Kenora, Ont., Can.	Bethesda	J. O. Lindquist	107	128	Frame	Par	5,800
Kingman, Alta., Can.	Gustaf Adolf	L. Heiner	32	.....	Frame . . . . .	.....	2,000
Kinistino, Sask., Can.	Zion	C. Thunberg, dis. miss .	80	24	Frame	Par	3,000
Lillisvie, Man., Can.	Mamre . . . . .	.....	30	35	.....	.....	.....
LacDuBonnet, Man., C. . . .	Ebenezer . . . . .	.....	30	30	.....	.....	.....
Lundemo, Alta., Can.	Wilhelmina	L. Heiner	40	30	Frame . . . . .	.....	2,220
Malmo, P. O., Alta., Can. . .	Svea	J. A. Forslund	31	.....	Timber . . . . .	.....	1,600
Meeting Creek, Alta., C. . . .	.....	O. Eklund	36	34	.....	.....	.....
Melfort, Sask., Can.	Bethesda	C. Thunberg, dis. miss .	36	24	Frame . . . . .	.....	1,200
Moose Jaw, Sask., Can. . . .	Fryksande	C. Thunberg, dis. miss .	26	10	Frame . . . . .	.....	1,000
Marchwell, Sask., Can. . . .	Swedish Luth.	C. Thunberg, dis. miss .	39	9	Frame . . . . .	.....	2,000
Parkman, Sask., Can.	Bethania	C. Thunberg, dis. miss .	25	.....	Lots . . . . .	.....	400
Percival, Sask., Can.	Immanuel	C. Thunberg, dis. miss .	125	75	Log	Par	4,500
Port Arthur, Ont., Can. . . .	Immanuel	P. A. Edquist	25	20	Concr		3,900
Shaunavon, Sask., Can. . . .	Salem	A. Waltman	24			Par	2,200

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					Ch.	Par.	
Scotsguard, Sask., Can..	Malmö.....	A. Waltman.....	29				
Scandinavia, Man., Can.	Bethlehem.....	Vacant.....	65	30	Frame.....	Par.....	\$5,000
Stettler, Alta., Can.....	David's.....	.....	.....	.....	Frame.....	.....	2,700
Swift Current,*Sask., Can	Klara.....	A. Waltman.....	37	19	.....	.....	.....
Theodore, Sask., Can....	Elim.....	C. Thunberg, dis. miss	50	.....	Frame.....	.....	2,500
Usona, Alta., Can.....	Twin Creek.....	J. A. Forslund.....	22	9	.....	.....	.....
Wadena, Sask., Can.....	Ebenezer.....	C. Thunberg, dis. miss	26	10	.....	.....	.....
Waldeck, Sask., Can....	Elim.....	K. J. Bring.....	23	.....	.....	.....	.....
Wetaskiwin, Alta., Can.	Bethlehem.....	J. A. Forslund.....	43	32	Frame.....	.....	3,000
Whitemouth, Man., Can	Immanuel.....	J. O. Lindquist.....	12	.....	.....	.....	.....
Yorkton, Sask., Can.....	.....	C. Thunberg, dis. miss	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Young, Sask., Can.....	Salem.....	C. Thunberg, dis. miss	19	8	Lot.....	.....	400
Total.....	484 Missions.....	210 Missionaries....	26,259	14,126	.....	.....	\$2,116,672

Of the 484 missions, 468 are Swedish and 16 (marked*) are English; v. p. signifies vice-pastor; these are not included in the total of missionaries. In this report are included, as far as can be ascertained, all congregations receiving aid from the Synod or its Conferences.

II. CANADA SYNOD

Auburn, Ont.....	Salem.....	K. Ziegler.....	64	18	Ch. & Par.....	\$6,000
Port Elgin, Ont.....	Salem.....	.....	.....	.....	Ch.....	.....
Arnprior, Ont.....	St. John's.....	.....	.....	.....	Ch. & Par.....	.....
Admaston, Ont.....	St. James.....	R. Kasdorf, Ph.D....	236	60	Ch.....	9,000
Maynooth, Ont.....	Christ.....	.....	.....	.....	Ch.....	.....
Denbigh, Ont.....	St. Paul's.....	.....	.....	.....	Ch. & Par.....	.....
Raglan, Ont.....	St. Stephen's.....	C. F. Christiansen..	151	40	Ch.....	.....
Quadeville, Ont.....	Preaching Place..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Greenlake, Ont.....	Grace.....	.....	.....	.....	Ch. & Par.....	.....
Wilberforce, Ont.....	Bethlehem.....	Vacant.....	340	55	Ch.....	12,000
Bonnechere, Ont.....	St. John.....	.....	.....	.....	Ch.....	.....
East Zorra, Ont.....	St. Matthew's.....	J. Schmidt.....	130	54	Ch. & Par.....	7,000
Plattsville, Ont.....	St. Matthew's.....	.....	.....	.....	Ch.....	.....
Ladysmith, Que.....	St. John.....	M. Hamm.....	275	40	Ch. & Par.....	12,000
Ladysmith, Que.....	Zion.....	.....	.....	.....	Ch.....	.....
Massey Ont.....	Zion.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Chalk River, Ont.....	Trinity.....	.....	.....	.....	Ch. & Par.....	6,000
Hailey Cury, Ont.....	Zion.....	.....	.....	.....	Ch.....	.....
Porguis Junction, Ont..	Preaching Place..	Vacant.....	120	35	.....	.....
New Liskeard, Ont.....	Preaching Place..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Matheson, Ont.....	Preaching Place..	.....	.....	.....	Frame.....	.....
Cochrane, Ont.....	Preaching Place..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Warton, Ont.....	St. Peter.....	J. Langholz.....	89	30	Ch. & Par.....	7,000
23 Missions.....	.....	6 Missionaries.....	1,405	332	.....	\$66,000

III. MINISTERIUM OF NEW YORK

White Plains, N. Y.....	St. Matthew.....	G. Gille.....	69	47	Frame.....	\$8,000
N. Tarrytown, N. Y....	St. John's.....	G. Gille.....	31	23	Frame..... Par	8,500
Floral Park, N. Y.....	.....	Ralph Dunri.....	54	73	Conc. ... Basem	4,000
Coeymans, N. Y.....	Trinity.....	Theo. E. Palleske...	44	27	Frame..... Par	4,800
Greenport, N. Y.....	St. Peter's.....	E. W. Hamumer....	44	23	Frame..... Par	7,300
Paterson, N. J.....	St. John's.....	Carl Krueger.....	55	24	Frame..... Par	5,000
New Brunswick, N. J..	Slovak 1st Hungar'n	Alex. Szabo.....	70	70	Frame..... Par	6,000
Newark, N. J.....	Holy Trinity.....	L. Novomesky.....	117	127	Frame..... Par	14,000
New Bedford, Mass....	St. John's.....	H. Reumann.....	92	40	Frame..... Par	8,000
Collinsville, Conn.....	St. Matthew.....	F. W. Klein.....	150	35	Frame..... Par	12,000
Madison, Conn.....	Immanuel.....	E. Hingkeldey.....	54	23	Frame.....	1,800
Deep River, Conn.....	{ Preaching Place..	E. Hingkeldey.....	21	.....	.....	.....
Winthrop, Conn.....	{	E. Hingkeldey.....	27	.....	.....	.....
Total.....	13 Missions.....	10 Missionaries.....	838	512	.....	\$79,400

IV. MINISTERIUM OF PENNSYLVANIA

N. Cramer Hill, N. J...	Christus.....	Wilhelm Hinkeldey.	240	207	Frame.. Frame	\$30,000
Germantown, Phila.....	St. Thomas.....	H. P. Freeseemann...	127	90	Brick.... Brick	15,000
Camden, N. J.....	Nazareth.....	Otto Dietrich.....	210	160	Stone.... Brick	14,000
Woodbury, N. J.....	Woodbury.....	Emil R. W. Schlick.	45	35	Frame.....	2,000
Gloucester, N. J.....	Bethanien.....	Emil R. W. Schlick.	78	55	Concrete.....	5,250
Williamstown, N. J....	St. Johannis.....	Emil R. W. Schlick.	48	67	Frame.....	2,500
Philadelphia, Pa.....	Erloeser.....	Gustave Greve.....	110	210	Stone.... Brick	23,000
Carbondale, Pa.....	St. Paul's.....	R. A. Lucas.....	120	72	Frame.... Frame	12,000
Steelton, Pa.....	Holy Trinity.....	C. F. Tiemann.....	230	114	Frame... Frame	7,000
Total.....	9 Missions.....	7 Missionaries.....	1 188	810	.....	\$110,750

RECAPITULATION OF GENERAL COUNCIL HOME MISSIONS

Missions Supported by	Number of Missions	No. of Mission- aries	Communi- cant Members	Sunday School Members	Value of Church Property
General Council English Board.....	141	107	11,616	12,369	\$ 1,074,493
General Council German Board.....	33	20	2,285	418	92,480
Augustana Synod, (Swedish and English).....	484	210	26,259	14,126	2,116,672
General Council Porto Rico Board.....	22	11	580	1,800	49,485
General Council Slovak Board.....	120	15	2,742	.....	191,120
Canada Synod (German).....	23	6	1,405	332	66,000
New York Ministerium (German).....	13	10	838	512	79,400
Pennsylvania Ministerium (German).....	9	7	1,188	810	110,750
Total.....	845	386	46,913	40,367	\$3,780,400

FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES FROM GENERAL COUNCIL CONSTITUTION

Principles of Faith and Church Polity

OF FAITH

I. There must be and abide through all time, one holy Christian Church, which is the assembly of all believers, among whom the Gospel is purely preached, and the Holy Sacraments are administered, as the Gospel demands.

To the true Unity of the Church, it is sufficient that there be agreement touching the doctrine of the Gospel, that it be preached in one accord, in its pure sense, and that the Sacraments be administered conformably to God's Word.

II. The true Unity of a particular Church, in virtue of which men are truly members of one and the same Church, and by which any Church abides in real identity, and is entitled to a continuation of her name, is unity in doctrine and faith, and in the Sacraments, to wit: That she continues to teach and to set forth, and that her true members embrace from the heart, and use, the articles of faith and the Sacraments as they were held and administered when the Church came into distinctive being and received a distinctive name.

III. The Unity of the Church is witnessed to, and made manifest in, the solemn public and official Confessions which are set forth, to wit: The generic Unity of the Christian Church in the general Creeds, and the specific Unity of pure parts of the Christian Church in their specific Creeds; one chief object of both classes of which Creeds is, that Christians who are in the Unity of faith, may know each other as such, and may have a visible bond of fellowship.

IV. That Confessions may be such a test of Unity and bond of Union, they must be accepted in every statement of doctrine in their own true, native, original and only sense. Those who set them forth and subscribe them must not only agree to use the same words, but must use and understand those words in one and the same sense.

V. The Unity of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, as a portion of the holy Christian Church, depends upon her abiding in one and the same faith, in confessing which she obtained her distinctive being and name, her political recognition, and her history.

VI. The Unaltered Augsburg Confession is by pre-eminence the Confession of that faith. The acceptance of its doctrines and the avowal of them without equivocation or mental reservation, make, mark and identify that Church, which alone in the true, original, historical and honest sense of the term is the Evangelical Lutheran Church.

VII. The only Churches, therefore, of any land, which are properly in the Unity of that Communion, and by consequence entitled to its name, Evangelical Lutheran, are those which sincerely hold and truthfully confess the doctrines of the Unaltered Augsburg Confession.

VIII. We accept and acknowledge the doctrines of the Unaltered Augsburg Confession in its original sense as throughout in conformity with the pure truth of which God's Word is the only rule. We accept its statements of truth as in perfect accordance with the Canonical Scriptures: We reject the errors it condemns, and believe that all which it commits to the liberty of the Church, of right belongs to that liberty.

IX. In thus formally accepting and acknowledging the Unaltered Augsburg Confession, we declare our conviction, that the other Confessions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, inasmuch as they set forth none other than its system of doctrine, and articles of faith, are of necessity pure and scriptural. Pre-eminent among such accordant pure and scriptural statements of doctrine, by their intrinsic excellence, by their historical position, and by the general judgment of the Church, are these: the Apology of the Augsburg Confession, the Smalcald Articles, the Catechisms of Luther, and the Formula of Concord, all of which are, with the Unaltered Augsburg Confession, in the perfect harmony of one and the same scriptural faith.

OF ECCLESIASTICAL POWER AND CHURCH GOVERNMENT

I. All power in the Church belongs primarily, properly and exclusively to our Lord Jesus Christ, "true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and true man, born of the Virgin Mary," Mediator between God and men, and Supreme Head of the Church. This supreme and direct power is not delegated to any man or body of men upon earth.

II. All just power exercised by the Church has been committed to her for the furtherance of the Gospel, through the Word and Sacraments, is conditioned by this end, and is derivative and pertains to her as the servant of Jesus Christ.

The Church, therefore, has no power to bind the conscience, except as she truly teaches what her Lord teaches, and faithfully commands what He has charged her to command.

III. The absolute directory of the Will of Christ is the Word of God, the Canonical Scriptures, interpreted in accordance with the "mind of the Spirit," by which Scriptures the Church is to be guided in every decision. She may set forth no article of faith which is not taught by the very letter of God's Word, or derived by just and necessary inference from it, and her liberty concerns those things only which are left free by the letter and spirit of God's Word.

IV. The primary bodies through which the power is normally exercised, which Christ commits derivatively and ministerially to His Church on earth, are the Congregations. The Congregation, in the normal state, is neither the Pastor without the People, nor the People without the Pastor.

V. In Congregations exists the right of representation. In addition to the Pastor, who by their voluntary election is already *ex-officio* their

representative, the people have the right to choose representatives from their own number to act for them, under such constitutional limitations as the Congregation approves.

VI. The representatives of Congregations thus convened in Synod, and acting in accordance with those conditions of mutual congregational compact, which are called a Constitution, are for the ends, and with the limitations defined in it, representatively, the Congregations themselves.

A free, Scriptural General Council or Synod, chosen by the Church, is, within the metes and bounds fixed by the Church which chooses it, representatively that Church itself; and in this case is applicable the language of the Appendix to the Smalcald Articles, "The judgments of Synods are the judgments of the Church."

VII. The Congregations representatively constituting the various district Synods, may elect delegates through those Synods to represent themselves in a more general body, all decisions of which, when made in conformity with the solemn compact of the Constitution, bind, so far as the terms of mutual agreement make them binding, those Congregations which consent, and continue to consent, to be represented in that General Body.

VIII. If the final decision of any General Body thus constituted shall seem to any Synod within it, in conflict with the faith, involving violation of the rights of conscience, it is the duty of the Synod to take such steps as shall be needed to prevent a compromise on its part with error. To this end, it may withdraw itself from relations which make it responsible for departure from the faith of the Gospel, or for an equivocal attitude towards it. Such steps should not be taken on any but well-defined grounds of Conscience, not on mere suspicion, not until prayerful, earnest and repeated efforts to correct the wrong have proved useless, and no remedy remains but withdrawal.

IX. The obligation, under which Congregations consent to place themselves, to conform to the decisions of Synods, does not rest on any assumption that Synods are infallible, but on the supposition that the decisions have been so guarded by wise constitutional provisions as to create a higher moral probability of their being true and rightful than the decisions in conflict with them, which may be made by single Congregations or individuals. All final decisions should be guarded with the utmost care, so that they shall in no case claim without just grounds to be the judgment of those Congregations in whose name and by whose authority they are made—in the absence of which just grounds they are null and void.

X. In the formation of a General Body, the Synods may know and deal with each other only as Synods. In such case, the official record is to be accepted as evidence of the doctrinal position of each Synod, and of the principles for which alone the other Synods become responsible by connection with it.

XI. The leading objects for which Synods should be organized are:

1. The maintenance and diffusion of sound doctrine, as the same is taught in God's Word and confessed in the authorized standards of the Church.

2. When controversies arise in regard to articles of faith, to decide them in accordance with God's Word and the pure confessions of that Word.

3. The proper regulation of the human externals of worship, that the same, in character and administration, may be in keeping with the spirit of the New Testament and with the liberty of the Church, and may edify the Body of Christ.

4. The maintenance of pure discipline, to the fostering of holiness and fidelity in the ministry and people.

5. The devising and executing of wise and Scriptural counsels and plans for carrying on the work of the Church, in every department of beneficent labor for the souls and bodies of men, at home and abroad.

All these things are to be done, that the saving power of the Gospel may be realized, that good order may be maintained and that all unsoundness in faith and life may be averted, that God may be glorified, and that Christ our King may rule in a pure, peaceful and active Church.

CONSTITUTION FOR THE UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

At a meeting in Philadelphia, April 18 1917, of the Joint Committee on the Celebration of the Quadri-Centennial of the Reformation, it was resolved that the organic union of the three affiliated Lutheran bodies, the General Synod, the General Council, and the United Synod in the South, would be the fittest commemoration of the Reformation. In accordance with this sentiment the presidents of these bodies, being present, were requested to form a Joint Committee of ministers and laymen which should prepare a Constitution for a united Church and present the same to the General Bodies for their consideration and if approved for submission to the district Synods. The Committee was formed and has prepared the Constitution which is herewith offered.

It is not claimed that this work has been done by direct authority of the General Bodies, but as they have long co-operated and have earnestly sought closer relations it is hoped that this Constitution will receive favorable consideration.

THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

PREAMBLE

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Having been called by the Gospel and made partakers of the grace of God, and, by faith, members of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, and, through Him, of one another,

We, members of Evangelical Lutheran congregations in America, associated in Evangelical Lutheran Synods, recognizing our duty as people of God to make the inner unity which we have with one another manifest in the common confession, defense and maintenance of our faith, and in united efforts for the extension of the Kingdom of God at home and abroad; realizing the vastness of the field that God has assigned us for our labors in this Western world, and the greatness of the resources within our beloved Church which are only feebly employed for this purpose; conscious of our need of mutual assistance and encouragement; and relying upon the promise of the divine Word that He who hath begun this work will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus,

Hereby unite, and now invite and until such end be attained continue to invite all Evangelical Lutheran congregations and Synods in America,

one with us in the faith, to unite with us, upon the terms of this Constitution, in one general organization, to be known as THE UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA.

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I. NAME.

The name and title of the body organized under this Constitution shall be THE UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA.

ARTICLE II. DOCTRINAL BASIS.

Section 1. The United Lutheran Church in America receives and holds the canonical Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments as the inspired Word of God, and as the only infallible rule and standard of faith and practice, according to which all doctrines and teachers are to be judged.

Section 2. The United Lutheran Church in America accepts the three ecumenical creeds: namely, the Apostles', the Nicene, and the Athanasian, as important testimonies drawn from the Holy Scriptures, and rejects all errors which they condemn.

Section 3. The United Lutheran Church in America receives and holds the Unaltered Augsburg Confession as a correct exhibition of the faith and doctrine of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, founded upon the Word of God; and acknowledges all churches that sincerely hold and faithfully confess the doctrines of the Unaltered Augsburg Confession to be entitled to the name of Evangelical Lutheran.

Section 4. The United Lutheran Church in America recognizes the Apology of the Augsburg Confession, the Smalkald Articles, the Large and Small Catechisms of Luther, and the Formula of Concord, as in the harmony of one and the same pure Scriptural faith.

ARTICLE III. PRINCIPLES OF ORGANIZATION.

In accordance with the foregoing Doctrinal Basis, The United Lutheran Church in America sets forth and declares the following principles as fundamental to its organization:

Section 1. All power in the Church belongs primarily and exclusively to our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, the Head of the Church. This power is not delegated to any man or body of men.

Section 2. All just power exercised by the Church has been committed to her for the furtherance of the Gospel through the Word and Sacraments, and is conditioned by this end and pertains to her as the servant of Jesus Christ. The Church, therefore, has no power to bind the conscience except as she teaches what her Lord teaches and faithfully commands what He has charged her to command.

Section 3. Congregations are the primary bodies through which power committed by Christ to the Church is normally exercised.

Section 4. In addition to the pastors of churches, who are *ex officio* representatives of their congregations, the people have the right to choose representatives from their own number to act for them under such constitutional limitations as the congregations may approve.

Section 5. The representatives of congregations convened in Synod and acting in accordance with their Constitution are, for the ends defined in it, representatively the congregations themselves, and have the right to call and set apart ministers for the common work of all the congregations; whose representatives they thereby become, and as such also members of the Synod.

Section 6. Congregations representatively constituting the various Synods may elect delegates through those Synods to represent them in a general body, all decisions of which, when made in accordance with the Constitution, bind, so far as the terms of mutual agreement make them binding, those congregations and Synods which consent to be represented in the general body.

Section 7. In the formation and administration of a general body, the Synods may know and deal with each other only as Synods. In all such cases, the official record is to be accepted as evidence of the doctrinal position of each Synod and of the principles for which alone the other Synods are responsible by connection with it.

ARTICLE IV. MEMBERSHIP.

Section 1. The United Lutheran Church in America at its organization shall consist of the congregations that compose the Evangelical Lutheran Synods which have been in connection with the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States of America, the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America, or the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South, and which accept this Constitution with its Doctrinal Basis as set forth in Article II.

Section 2. Any Evangelical Lutheran Synod applying for admission, which has accepted this Constitution with its Doctrinal Basis as set forth in Article II, and whose Constitution has been approved by the Executive Board, may be received into membership by a majority vote at any regular Convention.

ARTICLE V. DELEGATES.

Section 1. Each Synod connected with The United Lutheran Church in America shall be entitled to representation at its conventions by one ordained minister and one layman for every ten pastoral charges, or major fraction thereof, on its roll; provided, however, that each Synod shall be entitled to at least one ministerial and one lay delegate.

The ratio of representation may be changed at any regular convention of The United Lutheran Church in America by a two-thirds vote, provided that notice of the proposed change has been given at the preceding regular convention.

Section 2. Each Synod shall choose its delegates in such manner as it may deem proper. The delegates from each Synod shall elect one of their own number as chairman, unless the Synod itself has designated the chairman.

ARTICLE VI. OBJECTS.

The objects of The United Lutheran Church in America are:

Section 1. To preserve and extend the pure teaching of the Gospel and the right administration of the Sacraments. (Eph. 4:5, 6; The Augsburg Confession, Article VII.)

Section 2. To conserve the unity of the true faith (Eph. 4:3-16; 1 Cor. 1:10), to guard against any departure therefrom (Rom. 16:17), and to strengthen the Church in faith and confession.

Section 3. To express outwardly the spiritual unity of Lutheran congregations and synods, to cultivate co-operation among all Lutherans in the promotion of the general interests of the Church, to seek the unification of all Lutherans in one orthodox faith, and thus to develop and unfold the specific Lutheran principle and practice and make their strength effective.

Section 4. To awaken, co-ordinate and effectively direct the energies of the Church in such operations as the following:

(a) The training of ministers and teachers to be witnesses of the Word.

(b) The extension of the kingdom of God by Home, Foreign and Inner Missions.

(c) The proper regulation of the human externals of worship, that the same, in character and administration, may be in keeping with the New Testament and the liberty of the Church, and may edify the Body of Christ.

(d) The appointment of editorial committees or editors of Church papers and Sunday School literature.

(e) The preparation and publication of such literature as shall promote the dissemination of knowledge as to the doctrines, practice, progress and needs of the Lutheran Church.

(f) The creation, organization and development, through Boards and Committees, of agencies to carry on all departments of work.

Section 5. To lay apportionments, and to solicit and disburse the funds necessary for these and other purposes defined in this Constitution.

Section 6. To foster and develop the work of Synods, to exercise a general supervision of the Church, and, on appeal of Synods, to give counsel and to adjudicate questions of doctrine, worship and discipline.

Section 7. To enter into relations with other bodies in the unity of the faith and to exchange official delegates with them.

ARTICLE VII. CONVENTIONS.

Section 1. A Convention of the duly elected delegates of The United Lutheran Church in America shall be held at least once in every two

years, at such time and place as may be determined by the preceding Convention of the body, or by the Executive Board.

Section 2. Special Conventions shall be called by the officers at the request of two-thirds of the members of the Executive Board, or at the request of the presidents of a majority of the Synods. The delegates shall be those who represented the Synods at the previous regular Convention, provided they have not been disqualified by removal or by the election of new delegates. Vacancies in delegations shall be filled according to the rules of the respective Synods.

Section 3. A majority of the delegates representing a majority of the Synods, shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE VIII. POWERS.

Section 1. *As to External Relations.* The United Lutheran Church in America shall have power to form and dissolve relations with other general bodies, organizations and movements. To secure uniform and consistent practice no Synod, Conference or Board, or any official representative thereof, shall have power of independent affiliation with general organizations and movements.

Section 2. *As to Internal Relations.* The United Lutheran Church in America shall have power to deal with internal matters that affect all its constituent Synods or the activities of The United Lutheran Church as a whole, except that when the operation of such power takes place within the domain of any of the Synods their consent and co-operation must first be secured.

Section 3. *As to Intersynodical Dealings.* The United Lutheran Church in America shall have power to address and counsel its constituent Synods for the promotion of intersynodical harmony. Any question of interpretation of law, rights or principle, that comes within its jurisdiction, or any proper cases referred to it on appeal of a Synod, shall be determined by a Commission of Adjudication hereinafter provided for.

Section 4. *As to Individual Synods and Specific Cases.* If Synods have had due and legal opportunity to be represented in the Conventions of The United Lutheran Church in America, they are bound by all resolutions that have been passed in accordance with this Constitution. But each Synod retains every power, right and jurisdiction in its own internal affairs not expressly delegated to The United Lutheran Church in America.

Section 5. *As to Doctrine and Conscience.* All matters of doctrine and conscience shall be decided according to the Word of God alone. If, on grounds of doctrine or conscience, the question be raised as to the binding character of any action, the said question shall be referred to the Commission of Adjudication. Under no circumstances shall the right of a minority be disregarded or the right to record an individual protest on the ground of conscience be refused.

Section 6. *As to the Maintenance of Principle and Practice.* The United Lutheran Church in America shall protect and enforce its Doc-

trinal Basis, secure pure preaching of the Word of God and the right administration of the Sacraments in all its Synods and congregations. It shall also have the right, where it deems that loyalty to the Word of God requires it, to advise and admonish concerning association and affiliation with non-ecclesiastical and other organizations whose principles or practices appear to be inconsistent with full loyalty to the Christian Church, but the Synods alone shall have the power of discipline.

Section 7. *As to Books of Devotion and Instruction, etc.* The United Lutheran Church in America shall provide books of devotion and instruction, such as Liturgies, Hymn Books and Catechisms, and no Synod without its sanction shall publish or recommend books of this kind other than those provided by the general body.

Section 8. *As to Work and Administration.* The United Lutheran Church in America shall have the power to engage in the work described under "Objects" (see Article VI), to create and regulate Boards and Committees, to determine budgets, and to lay apportionments.

Section 9. The executive power of the United Lutheran Church in America shall be vested in the officers of the general body, in an Executive Board, and in various other Boards for special purposes, subject to this Constitution and the Conventions of the general body.

ARTICLE IX. OFFICERS.

Section 1. The officers of The United Lutheran Church in America shall be a President, a Secretary and a Treasurer, who shall be elected by ballot at each regular Convention and shall serve until their successors are elected. The President, who shall be an ordained minister, and the Secretary shall be chosen from the delegates present.

Section 2. The President shall preside at all sessions of the Convention, shall have the appointment of committees, unless The United Lutheran Church otherwise direct: shall see that the Constitution be observed and resolutions carried out; shall sign all official papers, and shall discharge such other duties as are delegated to him by the Convention.

Section 3. The Secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings, attest all documents of the body, and publish the time and place of the next meeting at least two months in advance. In case of a special meeting he shall give a written notice thereof to the President of each of the Synods immediately upon the issue of the call, and shall publish the same at least thirty days in advance of the meeting.

Section 4. The Treasurer shall receive and disburse all moneys, and keep an account of all his transactions and submit a report of the same at each regular Convention. He shall make disbursements only upon the order of the President, attested by the Secretary. He shall be required to give corporate surety in such amount as shall be determined by the Executive Board.

Section 5. In the event of the death, resignation or incapacity of any officer, in the interim between Conventions, the Executive Board shall fill the vacancy.

ARTICLE X. INCORPORATION.

The United Lutheran Church in America shall be incorporated.

ARTICLE XI. THE EXECUTIVE BOARD.

Section 1. The Executive Board of The United Lutheran Church in America, which shall also be its Board of Trustees, shall consist of the President, the Secretary, and the Treasurer of the general body who shall also be the officers of the Executive Board, together with six ministerial and six lay members who shall be elected by the general body for a term of four years.

Section 2. At the first election three ministerial and three lay members shall be elected to serve four years, and three ministerial and three lay members to serve two years. Thereafter three ministerial and three lay members shall be elected at each regular Convention to serve four years.

Section 3. The Executive Board shall meet at stated times. It shall be the duty of the Executive Board to represent The United Lutheran Church in America and to carry out its resolutions and attend to its business during the interim; it shall co-ordinate the work of the executive departments, receive reports as to the work and needs of the several Boards, present a budget to the Conventions with apportionments, fill vacancies not otherwise provided for, and perform such other work as may be delegated to it by the general body, to which it shall make full report of its acts.

ARTICLE XII. COMMISSION OF ADJUDICATION.

Section 1. A Commission of Adjudication shall be established to which shall be referred, for interpretation and decision, all disputed questions of doctrine and practice, and this Commission shall constitute a court for the decision of all questions of principle or action arising within The United Lutheran Church in America, and which have been properly referred to it by resolution or by appeal of any of the Synods.

Section 2. This Commission of Adjudication shall consist of nine members, six ministers and three laymen, learned in the doctrine, the law and the practice of the Church. All of the members of this Commission shall be elected at the first Convention of The United Lutheran Church in America, two ministers and one layman for a period of six years, two ministers and one layman for a period of four years, and two ministers and one layman for a period of two years. As their terms expire their successors shall be elected at each Convention for a term of six years.

Section 3. The Commission shall elect its own officers(and shall meet at least semi-annually for the transaction of business. When it holds meetings, or renders decisions, due notice of the time and place of meet-

ing shall be given by its secretary to all persons interested, and a standing notice of the time and place of its regular meetings shall be published in the Church papers.

Section 4. The consent of at least six members shall always be necessary for a decision.

Section 5. The Commission shall render a written report of all its actions and decisions to the next regular Convention, but the right of appeal from its decisions shall always be recognized.

ARTICLE XIII. BOARDS.

Section 1. The United Lutheran Church in America shall determine the number of members in the several Boards which it shall create, and these Boards shall always be amenable to it.

Section 2. All members of Boards shall be elected by The United Lutheran Church in America. Vacancies occurring in any Board *ad interim* shall be filled by the Executive Board of the Church on nomination of the Board in which the vacancy exists. No person shall be a member of more than two boards at one and the same time. No member of any Board, including the Executive Board, shall be a member of the Commission of Adjudication; but the President of The United Lutheran Church shall at all times have a seat and a voice in all the Boards and in the Commission of Adjudication.

Section 3. These Boards, upon the determination of the general body, shall secure articles of incorporation which must be in harmony with the purposes of The United Lutheran Church in America; but no Board shall apply for incorporation until its proposed charter shall have received the approval of the general body in Convention, or, in the interim, of the Executive Board.

Section 4. The Boards, unless otherwise provided, shall have power to elect their own officers and employees, and to carry on their work in accordance with the design of their appointment. No member of a Board shall be a salaried employee thereof.

Section 5. The Boards shall require corporate surety from their respective treasurers. At each regular Convention of The United Lutheran Church in America, they shall render full and accurate reports of their work during the preceding biennium.

Section 6. The Woman's Missionary Society, as auxiliary to Boards of The United Lutheran Church in America, shall have the right to appoint two women as advisory members of each of the missionary and benevolent Boards to the support of whose work they regularly or officially contribute.

ARTICLE XIV. SYNODS.

Section 1. No Synod in connection with The United Lutheran Church in America shall alter its geographical boundaries without the permission of the general body.

Section 2. Synods shall give advice to their ministers and congregations concerning doctrine, life and administration, and shall exercise such disciplinary measures as may be necessary.

Section 3. The Presidents of Synods shall exercise an oversight of the pastors and congregations composing their respective Synods, and shall be charged with the duty of carrying out the rules and regulations adopted by the Synods. When requested by the Executive Board they shall appear before it to represent their Synods. They may also make suggestions to the Executive Board, or seek its advice, with respect to the conditions and work in their Synods.

Section 4. Should any Synod in connection with The United Lutheran Church in America desire to continue its established lines of work for reasons satisfactory to the general body, such privilege may be granted.

ARTICLE XV. COMMITTEES, BY-LAWS AND AMENDMENTS.

Section 1. The United Lutheran Church in America may appoint special and standing committees. It may adopt By-laws for the transaction of its business, provided that they do not conflict with this Constitution. These By-laws may be suspended or amended at any Convention by a two-thirds vote.

Section 2. Amendments to this Constitution must be presented in writing at a regular Convention of The United Lutheran Church in America, which shall decide by a two-thirds vote whether and in what form they shall be submitted to the Synods. An exact copy of proposed amendments shall be transmitted by the Secretary to the Presidents of the Synods for submission to their respective bodies. If at a subsequent Convention two-thirds of the Synods shall report their approval of the amendments proposed they shall be declared adopted.

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